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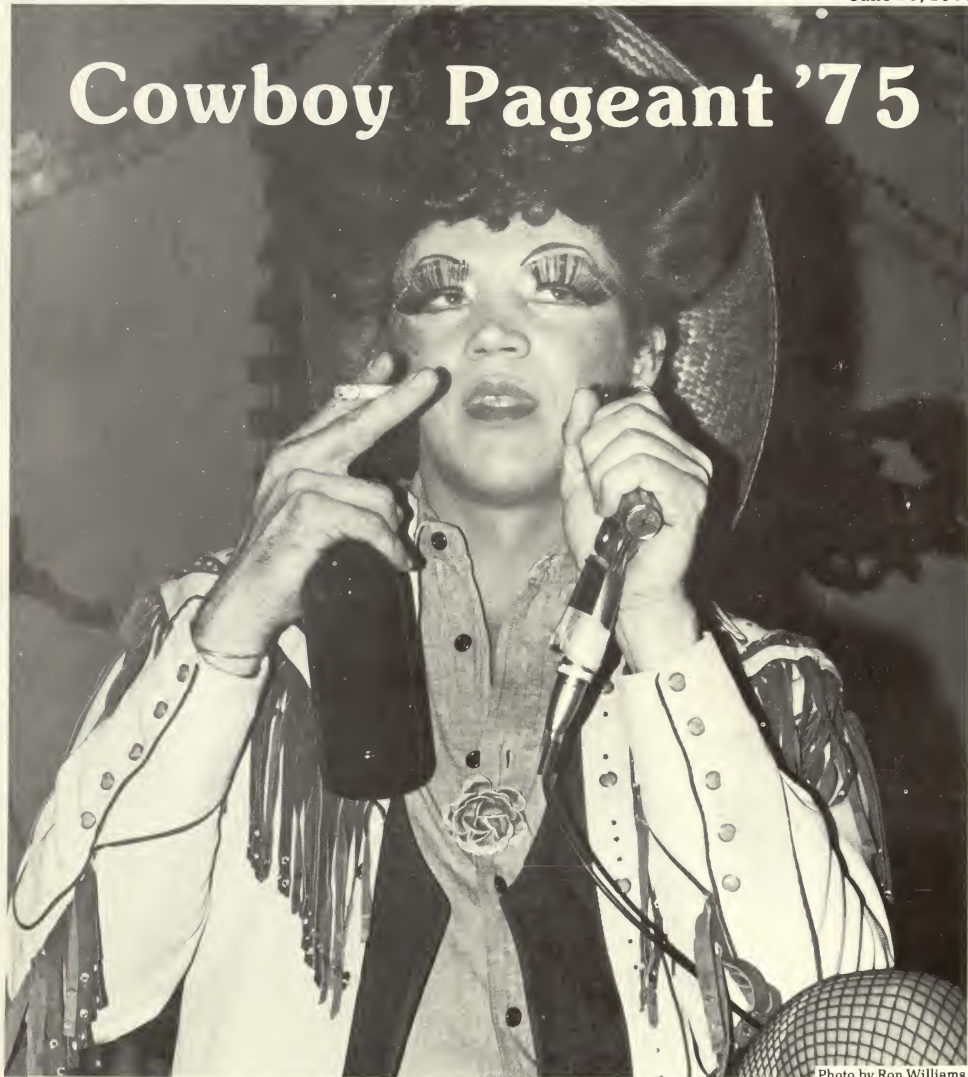


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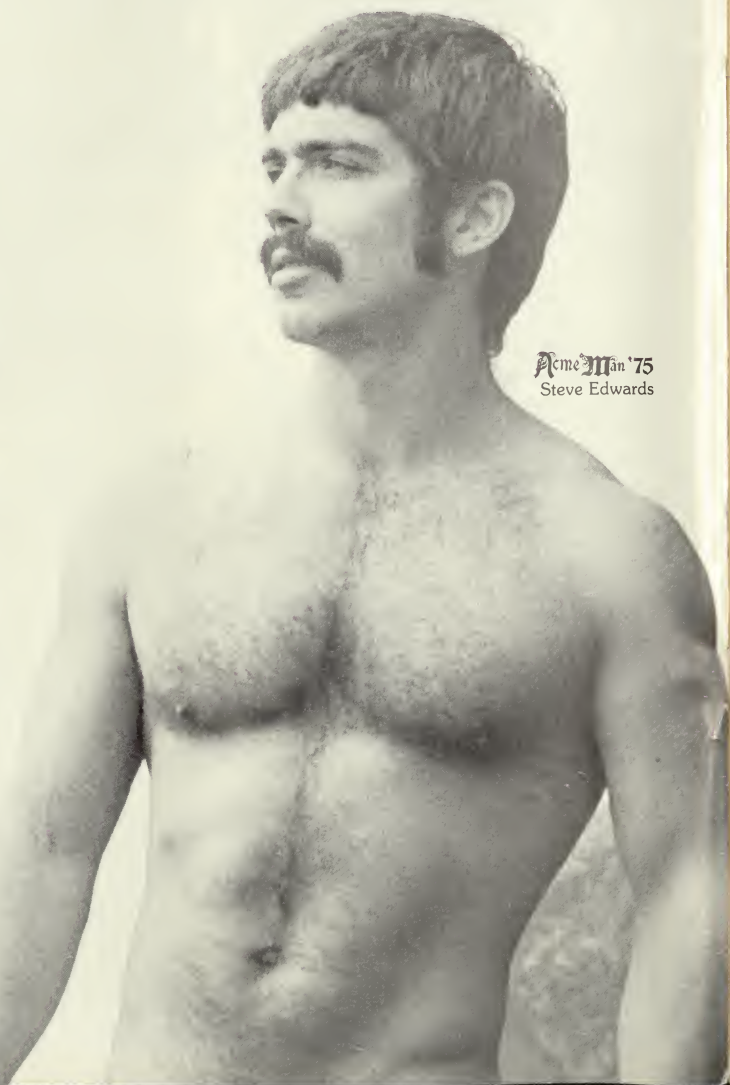
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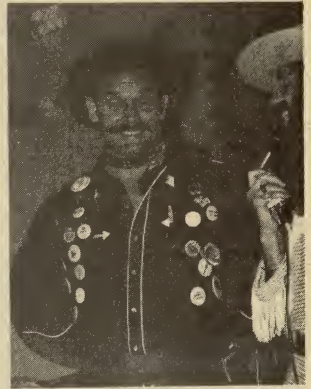
Handsome Rick Hammond and the vivacious June Cowan were named Mr. and Ms Cowboy/Cowgirl 1975-1976 midst a stomping, whistling, chanting and cheering crowd at Mister Marcus' Cowboy Pageant held at SIR Center last Saturday night, June 21st.

Rick, sponsored by Sir Speedy Printing, was jubilant at the announcement of his victory in a contest that stirred contestants, supporters and spectators alike into a frenzy of accusations, charges and counter-charges of fake, fix and cheat directed towards the judges and finalists alike. The affair was staged ostensibly with the spirit of fun, camp, friendly competition and euphoria which was very much in evidence with Mark Calhoun and Mavis as the MC's, the vibrant music of BRAND X and entertainment by Tillie Tumbleweed and the Vaporettes. The SIR Center was jam packed with revelers and curious fun-seekers until almost the very end when the entire evening was reduced to a vulgar display of extreme chauvinism and poor sportsmanship. Irate contestants and sponsors were seen leaving the area in heated fury as they condemned the vote counting, the decisions of the judges and the judging system. The entire vote sheets are published elsewhere in this issue. The judges from out-of-town were: Leo Gaul, Groovey Guy of Portland, Norman Sansom, President of the Thebans M/C of Miami, Cal Coburn of Los Angeles, Saul Sufron of Data Boy, Los Angeles, Ron Scarborough of Lancers Bar in Oakland, Joe Palanti and Ron Nolan, Knights of Malta, Reno, and Denny Beller, President of the Monterey Dons M/C.

Conversations with the judges after the event revealed that they gave points to the contestants they thought most perfectly embodied all the characteristics mandatory of the image of what a cowboy should be. All contestants knew when they entered the contest that it was to consist of 2/3 voting by ticket stubs, and 1/3 judges from out-of-town. This system generated ticket sales



June Cowan, Miss Cowgirl '75 - '76.



Rick Hammond, Mr. Cowboy '75 - '76.

for the stubs, but the remaining 1/3 voting by the judges precludes anyone "buying" the title outright. It was announced by Mr. Marcus afterward that the voting system would be changed for next year's contest to popular vote only with a voting period on the day of the contest similar to the

Emperor & Empress elections, and supervised by responsible persons.

The first runner-ups: Donn Hoyt of FeBe's, and, Deno Thomas sponsored by the Mint. Second runner-ups were Bill Dean, sponsored by Bob Damron's Address Book and Carol Lea, sponsored by the Mint. (Continued Next Page)

BOOT Camp 4th of July Blast!



FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2 P.M.
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The entire campaign ran for some six weeks with festive parties, bar promotion gimmicks, and fund-raising events for campaigns. Hundreds of dollars were expended for advertising and gimmicks, gifts and other activities to persuade voters to support candidates. The walls of bars all over town were covered with posters and littered with banners, buttons, flyers and live appearances. The winner, Rick, threw a benefit chuckwagon dinner and raffle for the ailing out-going Bill Tolan, Mr. Cowboy 1974-75 who was hospitalized recently with a lung ailment and raised some \$300-plus. Rick and June stated they would appear in the Gay Freedom Day parade this weekend and have planned numerous fund-raising and beneficial activities for the community at large.

Politicking campaigners were in attendance at the pageant and included Sheriff candidate Bob Geary, Senator Milton Marks and Mrs. Marks and Harvey Milk, candidate for SF Supervisor. ☆

Pickets in Palo Alto

More than thirty people confronted a group of prison administrators and parole officers and challenged their use of racist and sexist tactics to divide and suppress prisoners in a demonstration in Palo Alto on Monday, June 9th.

Outside Rickey's Hyatt House, a spirited group picketed and chanted while inside the California Probation, Parole and Correctional Assn. assembled to hear Gov. Brown address a luncheon meeting during their annual convention.

Brown spoke in vague, ambiguous terms about more equal and more effective punishment of criminals while demonstrators outside shouted slogans in support of demands which prisoners have been making. The demonstration was sponsored by Join Hands, a gay prisoners support group, and the crowd was made up predominantly of gay

women and men, but their demands attacked the prison system as a whole in defense of all prisoners.

Their demands called for an end to the indeterminate sentence and the parole system, abolition of the Adult Authority and the Women's Board of Terms and Paroles, freedom for all political prisoners and an end to punishment for consenting sex in prisons.

After an hour of picketing, the demonstrators assembled to hear Mark Merim of the San Quentin Six Defense Committee speak on the history of the Six and their current situation. Louise Merrill then spoke on Inez Garcia and how her case revealed the sexist nature of the American justice system. Steve Oshroff from Join Hands followed by denouncing the injustices of the indeterminate sentence and the parole system and emphasized how authorities use them to increase their power generally over prisoners and to discriminate especially against political, black, brown and gay prisoners.

-The following is printed as a Public Service-

FROM: Mr. Cowboy/Miss Cowgirl Voting/Judging Committee

TO: Marcus G. Manulis, Chairman

SUBJ: Results of Voting and Judging (June 21, 1975)

	Contestant	Ballot	% of	X 2	Judges	% of	%s Added	PLACE
		Votes	Votes	=	Votes	Votes	+ 3 =	
		Rec'd	Cast	2/3%	Rec'd	Cast	Total % *	
FOR MR. COWBOY	Rick Hammond	545	50.6	101.2%	191	21.2%	40.8 %	FIRST
	Don Hoyt	393	36.5	73.0%	132	14.7%	29.2 %	SECOND
	Bill Dean	73	6.8	13.6%	160	17.8%	10.5 %	THIRD
	Bill Long	33	3.1	6.2%	163	18.1%	8.1 %	FOURTH
	Bill Cooper	30	2.8	5.6%	115	12.8%	6.1 %	FIFTH
	Conley Holloway	3	0.3	0.6%	140	15.5%	5.4 %	SIXTH
FOR MISS COWGIRL	June Cowan	561	54.0	108.0%	206	40.3%	49.4 %	FIRST
	Deno Thomas	411	39.6	79.2%	162	31.6%	36.9 %	SECOND
	Carol Lea	66	6.4	12.8%	144	28.1%	13.6 %	THIRD

*NOTE: Winners are determined by taking the number of ballot votes received by each candidate and dividing that number by the total ballot votes cast by the public. This results in a percentage figure. This figure is then multiplied by two (2) to give the ballot vote the 2/3 weight in this contest. Next, the total points received by each candidate is taken from the judges sheets. This number is divided by the total points cast by all of the judges, resulting in a percentage figure (the other 1/3 weight). The two percentage figures (2/3 ballot and 1/3 judge) are then added and divided by 3. The winner is the candidate holding the highest percentage.

WE CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS AN ACTUAL ACCOUNT OF VOTING AND JUDGING FOR MR. COWBOY AND MISS COWGIRL.

Edward T. Grand

John Haller
Victor Navarro

John DeBella
Paul P. R...

Michael Kraus, also from Join Hands, concluded with a tribute to Popeye Jackson of the United Prisoners Union, a local leader in the struggle for justice for prisoners who was assassinated earlier last week.

While most of the workshops of the conference itself focused on controlling prison populations, a number centered on how to deal with the "problems" of women in prisons and the "problems" of racial conflict. In answer to this, the demonstrators explained that prisons reflect the classist, racist and sexist nature of American society as a whole, but stressed that California prison authorities, from Procunier down to the guards, play on these divisions and inflame them precisely to keep prisoners disunited. They spoke of racism and sexism as the indispensable and primary tools used to maintain control of prison populations, to keep prisoners divided and defeated.

As proof of how important it is to the guards to maintain their oppressive power over the sexual aspects of prisoners' lives, they emphasized the recent successful efforts of the guards to amend Willie Brown's bill AB489 to exclude prisoners, specifically making illegal homosexual acts which the bill decriminalized in society at large.

Nisi Dominus...

B. CALHOUN & D. NIXON GET MARRIED....

Sunday, June 15th was a rotten day for a wedding, weather-wise. The sun never did come out. But there we were, down on Sacramento St., across from Lafayette Park, going up to Rick & Chuck's apartment, to attend the wedding of Bob Calhoun and Don Nixon. We almost didn't make it, 6 of us jammed into a rather small elevator, which got stuck on the top floor. Some of the other passengers were most disconcerted, they had lots of ice on their hands, but no gin. But we finally got out and into the midst of things.

Everybody who thought he (she) was someone, or hoped to be seemed to be there, it seemed. (Very subjunctive mood it was). Joe Roland, in Rev. Ray's robes, performed the ceremonies, with La Kish, Maxine, Flame, Donna Mae, Dolores doing double duty as bridesmaids and hors d'oeuvres servers. Danny was ring bearer.

Among the many notables in attendance were: the *tres formidable* PLG, Gorila Man, Harvey Milk, Pristine

Condition, Scumbly and the other Rita Rockets, Marcus, Ms Moon. George & Suzan (alas, Jitson was at home). HL Perry & the other Calhoun arrived too late for the ceremony due to an unfortunate incident, but made it to the reception(s).

Receptions, yes indeed. Bob works at the Purple Pickle, so off we went to sip champagne. Gorila Man had his straw, but left his parasol at home. (Remember the look on the taxi driver as you got out of the car near the New Bell, G. Man?)

The New Bell was where the main reception was held. Unlike the apart-

ment on Sacramento, there were no free drinks, however the hors d'oeuvres were in abundance, and tasty. Pristine sang and Scumbly played the piano, and everyone seemed to be having a good time, one way or another. And then we all went back to our normal slurping grounds, and got out of our glad rags for something more comfortable.

Congratulations, Bob and Don. ☆

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The Gay Freedom Day Committee has been working diligently to make this year's parade and fair qualitatively better than those of the past. Participation in the parade and fair is expanding this year past the gay male community. We anticipate a strong participation from the women's communities as well as from non-gay supporters who acknowledge that the struggles of gays are not issues of morality, but issues of human and civil rights.

The site of this year's fair will be Marx Meadow in Golden Gate Park, between Kennedy Drive (near Old Speedway Meadow) and 25th Ave., at the north central section of the park. The date chosen for this year's parade and fair is Sunday, June 29th. Parade participants will leave the Civic Center where the parade will end and arrive in Marx Meadow to continue the celebration of gay pride and unity. The program, which will begin at approximately 2:30 and end at 7:00, will include folksingers, musicians, a

woman's rock band, street theatre, speakers from the lesbian and gay male communities, gay artists and informational booths of gay and gay related organizations and groups.

The purpose of the fair is two-fold. First, the fair creates the opportunity for all gay people of San Francisco and the Bay Area to come together in the spirit of celebration by sharing our culture and ourselves. Secondly, it offers the chance for an informational exchange by groups and political organizations which are of interest to gay people in their continuing struggle against gay oppression. If you are an organization or interest group we hope you will plan on having a booth of table at the fair as well as printed leaflets or handouts describing your group and its function. We are confident that participants in the fair will participate in a non-sectarian manner, focusing on the theme of gay solidarity and unity. The only restrictions to fair participants will be the fact that no stakes can be driven into the park grounds and that electricity will not be available for booths. And sales of literature must be restricted to a "donation" basis only.

The energy that has been generated from the Gay Freedom Day Committee has assured us that this year's

Gay Pride Day will be exceptional to say the least. We hope that you will commit yourself to participation in the fair. If you have questions regarding the fair, you can contact Denny or Tom at 431-9434. ☆

Coors Sales In Calif. Down Again

Director Allan Baird and Field Director Andris Cirkelis announced that Coors beer sales in California dropped for the third month in a row. According to Director Baird, the U.S. Brewers Assoc. released the following statistical report on June 10: Coors beer sales in California for the month of April, 1975 declined -9.7%; Coors March, 1975 sales declined -8.6%; Coors February, 1975 sales declined -31.7%. These 1975 figures are in relationship to 1974 beer sales in California. Baird noted that this marks an approximate loss of 233,503 barrels of beer, which would amount to approximately 3,269,042 cases of beer. Baird said he would estimate the total amount loss in dollars to the Adolph Coors Brewery at \$13,076,000 for this three month period. Field Director Cirkelis stated that the obvious success of the Coors Beer Boycott is an expression of awareness and concern for the solution to economic and political problems in the United States. Cirkelis also stated there is an increasing segment in the consuming public that has become aware of Coors economic abuse and the potential of its threat to civil liberties as exposed by Stephan Isaacs, Washington Post Staff Writer, in a series of articles exposing Coors Beer and political activities in the U.S. Director Baird and Field Director Cirkelis said the Coors Beer Boycott would now move into the second stage. These plans were not revealed at the press conference.



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The San Francisco Department of Public Health has recognized that the homophile community is not being reached by many of the traditional approaches to health care. In an effort to deliver more relevant services to this community, San Francisco City Clinic, the Venereal Disease Control for San Francisco, has implemented a peer

information program titled "Gay Service Project." Five persons, who have been active in the gay community, have been hired as VD information aides. The health department has provided extensive training in the basics of venereal disease, enabling the aides to offer their services as speakers or resource persons to community organizations.

The information aides' first project is a survey to determine attitudes and knowledge levels about VD in the gay community. Results of this survey will

help determine the direction of community outreach programs.

An in-clinic information and referral service is also being set up to answer questions and give appropriate referrals for problems the City Clinic doesn't handle. The Gay Service Project telephone number is 495-6463.

Mail Surveys to: Box 116-B, 1800 Market St., San Francisco, 94102. Survey results can be obtained from same address. Please send self-addressed, stamped envelope.

VD Questionnaire

This questionnaire is confidential. Do **not** put your name or other identifying information on it. It will be used by San Francisco City Clinic (VD), 250 4th St., to develop better ways of serving the Gay Community.

You do not need to have been in the clinic to answer these questions. Please answer every question. When completed, please fold the questionnaire in half and hand back to the survey administrator.

Each question has several numbered answers. **WRITE THE NUMBER OF YOUR ANSWER IN THE BOX PROVIDED.**

- (4) ☐ When is the best time for you **personally** to get a VD Check-up?
- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. week days 9 AM - 5 PM | 3. weekend days 9 AM - 5 PM |
| 2. week nights 5 PM - 10 PM | 4. weekend nights 5 PM - 10 PM |
- (5) ☐ If available, at which of the following would you feel **Most** comfortable having a VD Check-up?
- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| 1. private doctor | 6. mobile health unit |
| 2. free clinic | 7. City Clinic (VD) - 250-4th St. |
| 3. free gay clinic | 8. gay social center (SIR, MCC, Gay Rap) |
| 4. baths | 9. other _____ |
| 5. bars | |
- (6) ☐ With limited funds for VD information, which one of the following do you think would be the **most** effective in reaching the gay community?
- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. radio | 6. baths |
| 2. telephone hotline | 7. health clinics |
| 3. television | 8. gay organizations |
| 4. gay newspapers | 9. sidewalk information booths |
| 5. bars | 10. other _____ |
- (7) ☐ Have you used City Clinic (VD) at 250-4th St.?
- | | |
|------------------------|--|
| 1. yes, once | (8) <input type="checkbox"/> What is your overall opinion of City Clinic (VD)? |
| 2. yes, more than once | 1. very bad impression |
| 3. no, never | 2. more bad than good |
| | 3. more good than bad |
| | 4. very good impression |
| | 5. no opinion |

Is there anything in particular that you **liked** about City Clinic (VD)?

Is there anything in particular that you **disliked** about City Clinic (VD)?

- (9) ☐ How often do you have VD Check-ups?
- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. never at present | 5. once a year |
| 2. monthly | 6. only when experiencing symptoms |
| 3. every three months | 7. only if notified of exposure |
| 4. every six months | 8. other _____ |

For the next six questions, please choose one of the following answers:

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. all the time | 3. seldom |
| 2. more than half | 4. never |

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- (10) ☐ How often do you wash with soap and water **immediately** after sex?
- (11) ☐ How often do you urinate **immediately** after sex?
- (12) ☐ During a doctor's visit, how often do you **request** a rectal culture?
- (13) ☐ During a doctor's visit, how often do you **request** a throat examination?
- (14) ☐ How often do you get **and keep** the phone numbers and/or addresses of your sexual partners?
- (15) ☐ If/when you are treated for VD, how often would you give **all** of the names of your sexual partners that you know?
- (16) ☐ In the past 12 months have you had:
1. gonorrhea 2. syphilis 3. both 4. neither
- (17) ☐ In the past 12 months have you had:
1. herpes 2. scabies 3. both 4. neither
- (18) ☐ In the past 12 months have you had:
1. venereal warts 2. lice (crabs) 3. both 4. neither
- (19) ☐ **Sex** 1. female 2. male
- (20 & 21) ☐ **Age** (put one digit in each box)
- (22) ☐ Describe your **sexual orientation**:
1. completely gay 2. mostly gay 3. mostly straight 4. straight
- (23) ☐ **Education**:
1. some high school 2. high school diploma 3. some college
4. BA or BS 5. some graduate 6. graduate degree
- (24) ☐ **Ethnic background**:
1. Asian 2. Black 3. Latino/Chicano
4. Caucasian 5. Filipino 6. Other _____

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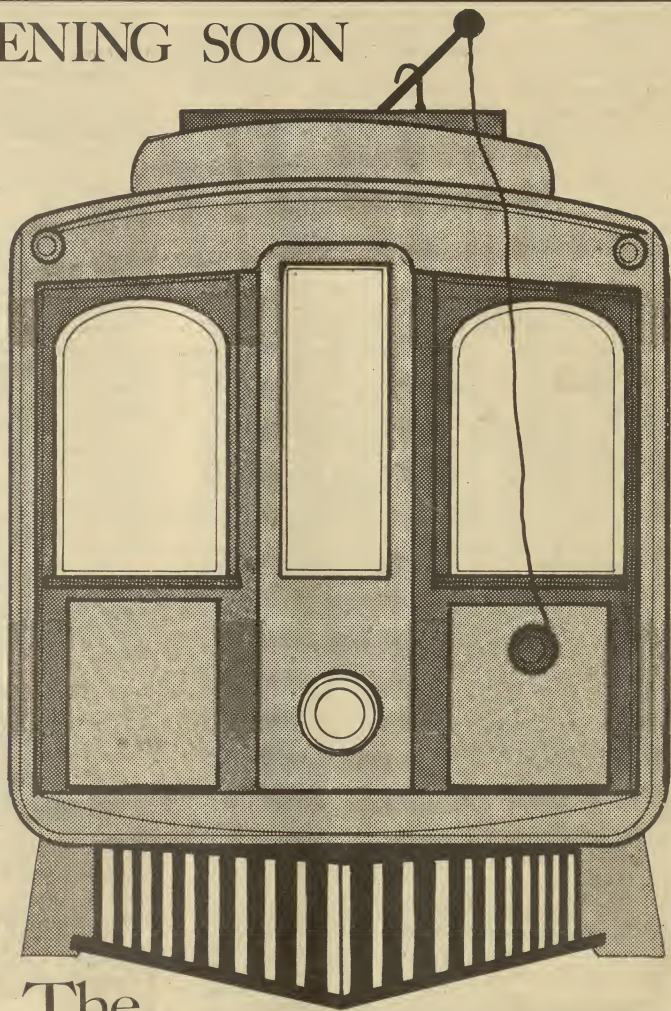
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Eighteen persons, half from northern California and half from southern California, have filed a petition with the Fair Political Practices Commission of California, to oppose the referendum to repeal the Brown Bill, AB 489.

The group calling themselves the *Gay Voters League of California*, (A Coalition of Concerned Voters) have a steering committee of 18 members, and they have selected temporary officers until the statewide meeting is held.

From southern California, well-known activist and associate of Morris Kight, Howard A. Fox, is the temporary co-chairperson with the northern California representative, the Rev. Ray. Broshears.

Temporary treasurer will be attorney Lloyd Taylor, and deputy chairperson is Richard E. Beckwith of Los Angeles.

Names familiar to northern Californians who are members of the steering committee are: noted attorney B.J. Beckwith of San Francisco; Perry A. George of Alameda; Harvey Milk of

the Castro District of the city; Michael Caringi, noted figure in the local gay scene; Bob Damron, nationally known personality and owner of several gay businesses; Don Jackson, longtime activist and writer; Lisa Raleigh, businesswoman; and several southern Californians.

The group's statement is: "*We, the below named persons, registered voters in the State of California, are opposed to any proposed referendum which would restrict the sexual freedoms of consenting persons in private.*"

We have formed a statewide coalition of concerned voters, and shall be known as the GAY VOTERS LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA (A Coalition of Concerned Voters).

We support Assembly Bill 489, and are preparing to oppose any and all efforts to repeal it.

We are prepared to raise any amount of funds necessary, allowed by law, to defeat any such referendum to repeal Assembly Bill 489.

We are individuals, speaking as a coalition of concerned voters, working with all persons who are concerned with all persons who are concerned with individual freedoms, to repulse any efforts to repeal sexual freedoms as provided by law.

The below named persons do comprise the founding steering committee of the Gay Voters League of California, a non-exclusionary association."

The League has not as yet set any amount of money as a goal, and will wait until the petitions of the Concerned Christian Citizens have been duly filed, and then will set about to raise the amount of money that the Fair Political Practices Commission allows the League to do so.

A director for the Gay Voters League of California's campaign will be selected in the near future. and several candidates have been mentioned, including Sharon Corniellson of the Christopher Street West/Los Angeles Committee and Terry Lupton of that same body. The name of Jim Kepner is a likely name according to many, to be the final choice.

The mailing address of the Gay Voters League of California in San Francisco is, 861 Post St., Suite 17, SF 94109, and in Los Angeles, it is: 3346 Rowena Ave., LA 90027. Telephone in San Francisco: 771-3367; in Los Angeles, it is: 661-2566.

The Gay Voters League of California is the first group to file to oppose the group which is seeking to overturn the effects of Assembly Bill 489. Election of the issue is set in June, 1976, statewide. ☆

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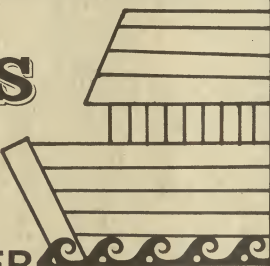
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A benefit for the Rainbow Sign Cultural Center, the marathon will establish a record for inclusion in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Joyce Carol Thomas, Charles Upton, and Bob Kaufman are among more than fifty Bay Area poets who have confirmed their participation in the marathon.

This event is part of Rainbow Sign's continued fund raising drive. A partial list of sponsors include Cody's Books, KPOO Radio, Moe's Books, the Coffee Gallery, Malvina's Coffee House and La Salamandra.

Poets interested in participating in the marathon should call Peter Pussydog, 841-6500, ext. 475; Andy Clausen, 653-7967 or Rainbow Sign, 548-6500. Rainbow Sign is located at 2640 Grove St., corner of Derby, in Berkeley. ☆

Letters

Dear Editor: I read your magazine with great interest and have followed the many words written on A.B. 489, however, I do not believe that I have read of the following point: "solicitation", perhaps the following is of interest to you or your readers?

"Better shun the bait than struggle in the snare" - Dryden

Much has been written, pro and con, concerning Assembly Bill 489 "Sexual Offenses," however, I feel, one very important point of interest to many members of the "Community" appears to have been overlooked. A.B. 489 **does not** change Section 647(a) of the Penal Code. Section 647(a) reads "That a person is guilty of disorderly conduct, "Who solicits anyone to engage in or who engages in lewd or dissolute conduct in any place open to the public or exposed to public view." In the criminal case **People v. Mesa** the defendant solicited a homosexual act with an undercover officer. The solicitation took place in a public bar. The Appellate Court ruled that "section 647, subdivision (a) of the Penal Code prohibits public solicitation of lewd or dissolute conduct **regardless** of where

the solicited acts are to be performed."

The sexual conduct legitimized by A.B. 489 is subject to prosecution under section 647(a) Penal Code where committed "in any public place or in any place open to the public or exposed to view." The **solicitation** of these acts in such places also is prohibited by the same section.

There are times when we should follow the advice of Shakespeare when he said "Give thy thoughts no tongue."

Egbert Souzé

Open letter to Editor-In-Chief
Dear Mr. Ross

On Saturday June 14th I attended the Mr. and Miss Gay California contest which took place at the tawdry Belvue Hotel on Geary. The paint is peeling in the so called, heavily columned I might add, ballroom. The fake fireplace looked like something out of Day Of The Locust & the restroom was somewhere near a telephone.

The main question I have to ask is if the gay community is supposed to be working together and banding together perhaps we could band and work and stay away from the Belvue.

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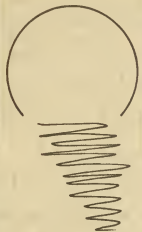
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I mean really, 1.25 a drink served in a Dixie cup? Yes Dixie cup. Just how insipid can you get. I questioned 2 bartenders on Sunday that work on Polk Street and they suggested with raised eyebrows that the person giving or in charge of giving it should be informed. What is there to tell. There is Perry drinking from a paper cup. I found the entire group quite proper with their disposable Dixies but when you can be at any other bar in town and drink from glasses it seems to me that the Bellvue is the ripper offer of the gay set. This in fact is the second time within a year that the same thing has happened.

Perhaps the whole crowd is Dixie Cup level but with the money spent on gowns and enjoyment I should think that crumby cups could go to classy glasses or are the bevy of titles so tarnished that that is the Steuben of drinkware.

I think it is a rotten shame and hope that Perry knew about it and couldn't do anything for the evening cause God help him after what he says on stage that he knew and approved.

The outburst as I came in from an outgoing title I thought was about as tacky as they come. Find out first if you are right in what you are going to say and if you are right then say it. I felt embarrassed for Perry having to stand in the room and take that from the person.

Perry carried it off beautifully.

One last thing that has bugged me for a few years now when other events take place. I feel that since the community is going to participate in these functions that professional people should not be allowed to enter. The Roller Skate from Jackson's, The Lorelei Look alike contest and a phone call today, although probably nasty rumor, the Miss Gay California for this year.

I have rambled on too long and hope that you have gotten to the end. I do my part in the gay community in my own way. I buy tickets, attend shows and buy booze and clothes in the right places. I am concerned about the life in San Francisco also, but I do not have the plastic or Dixie cups in my house. Ain't it about time we got above that.

R.F. Fowler

Editor BAR

David B. Goodstein didn't tell the whole truth about the Advocate's reliability. Recently, I have not been into things enough to know if the Advocate has been accurate; I do know that the "New" Advocate reports only selected

news -- news that bolsters Goodstein's right-wing views. Anyone who doubts it need only to peruse the "New" Advocate to find out for himself.

A count of the number of columns of news verifies that news coverage has been decreased by more than half since Goodstein took over.

And the news is narrowed. Articles and columns critical of the establishment have disappeared. Former Advocate staffers insist that Goodstein has an "enemies list" of persons (almost all Gay militants) and organizations (including almost all Gay Lib groups), that are to be excluded from news coverage or mention. Reporters and columnists state that references to the blacklisted organizations and individuals have been editorially deleted from their material.

Part of the narrowing of news coverage results from Goodstein's peculiar definition of the word "Gay." In an internal memorandum, Goodstein stated that people who cruise parks, bushes and toilets are not Gay, and should not be discussed. Ditto for male prostitutes and their patrons.

I think Brother Bizarre's thesis was correct -- a Gay, to Goodstein, is a homosexual who is happily married, faithful to his spouse, affluent, living in a split level in the suburbs, two children, a mortgage, and a station wagon.

Brother Bizarre overlooked one little thing -- the nice fairy Goodstein wants to turn all of us into a Republican. Goodstein is, I know, because I checked with the Registrar of Voters.

Don Jackson

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Milk Forum

By Harvey Milk

For years politicians have taken the votes of gays and returned nothing. Now some - all too few - realize that to receive gay votes, they have to fight for gay rights. John Foran is a great example. He got a relatively small amount of the vote in his last primary race - but now he is working very hard for the gay community. For example, at last week's battle with the Board of Education over the rights of gay teachers, Foran put his name right in the fight for our side. No mistaking his position. Absolutely nothing was heard from any of the rest of our so-called "friends." With the TV cameras rolling, recording everything on film, and the outcome of the vote uncertain, there was a definite lack of support from many of our "friends." Oh, of course, we see them at gay events - we hear philosophies, etc. - but faced with the highly important local issue of hiring of gays as teachers of the youth of San Francisco, we heard nothing from those who court our vote.

The same thing holds true, on a greater scale, in the economy. Standard Oil, IBM, Pacific Telephone gladly takes our money, but where do they stand on the employment of out-front gays? Then there is the subject of beer. There are many gay bars in our city - more than 50 - and the gay community consumes a lot of beer. Every bottle means money leaving the gay community. What have the beer companies done to return some of that cash flow? Well, Acme is doing it. Not only donating beer for special events, but putting their name and reputation right there in gay ads. Other companies have begun hiring gay drivers. The beer-drivers union - local 888 - has taken stand after stand in fighting for gay rights. (That union is now looking for a woman driver). Their stand may have come only recently - but it has come, where other unions remain silent. Their stand might not be all we may want - but who's stand can satisfy everyone? Their total communications may have not been perfect - but they are learning fast. The importance is that that union has stood up and joined our fight for total gay rights.

Looking through the 40 pages of

ads in the Gay Liberation Day program, one sees many ads from beer distributors and major brands of beer. Company after company is finally coming to the realization that the gay community is starting to understand the power of its economic position. Gay economic power is growing. The gay community will benefit, not only from the return of money into our community, but from the breaking of barriers.

Now Coors beer is another story.

Coors refuses to sign an affirmative action hiring program. Two months ago the Coors sales rep for San Francisco asked me what the problem was. I told him in front of gays and non-gays, that the day Coors begins to give to the gay community some of what they have taken from the gay community, things will change. I challenged him, more than two months ago, with this statement: "The day you hire several out-front gays as beer drivers, I will walk with you into a Tavern Guild meeting, and to bar after bar, and make that announcement." Two months later, my challenge goes unanswered. I think Coors should be shown the strength of gay economic power, just as the

politicians are being shown the strength of gay voting power. I feel that the gay community should stand firmly behind the current boycott of Coors until that company begins hiring gays and begins spending some of its profits in the gay community.

Coors may have a great product. But a time comes when we must look behind who's selling this product. I do not think that any Jew would buy the greatest of products if Hitler was the salesman. I do not think that any of us should buy one bottle of Coors beer. The time has come for the gay community to stand together in fighting on an issue. The time has come for the gay community to join with others in helping to end all discrimination. A victory here will not only lead to other victories, it will warn many corporations that they too, will have to change their thinking.

As an aside, in case you are interested in knowing where some of the profits from Coors beer does go - well, a big chunk has just gone to Washington. Mr. Coors has given President Ford a huge amount of the money for that new swimming pool being constructed at the White House.

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Brother Bizarre's Gaze

By Mark Owens

A Tale of Two Tonics

News Item: In seeming opposition to the Rev. Raymond Broshears' Gay Liberation Days Committee, which is handling activities for this year's Gay Pride Week, **Sentinel** chief editor W.E. Beardemphl has urged San Francisco's Gay community to boycott all Gay Pride Week activities, and in their place support his own Gay Freedom Week functions.

The folks in the little western town of Gayton still talk about the day that a masher came into town and stirred up things for a spell.

Now, Gayton was a quiet little town. Real folks; everybody knew everybody and all that. Everybody lived the way they wanted to in peace and harmony. And if they ran into any tussles with strangers from other towns who didn't cotton to their way of life, well, they relied on a powerful patent

medicine called affectionally, "Gayton Pride." Plumb potent stuff it was, too; put the glow back in their cheeks and the fire back in their eyes, and then there warn't nobody they wouldn't face down!

Well, things went along just hunky-dory for a long time, until one day a stranger pulled into town. He drove a single-horse wagon; big huge thing it was too, all painted up like that. At first glance, he looked pretty friendly, and we all thought he was probably one of them traveling emporium fellers.

"Whoa, Sentinel," he called to his horse, and then clambered off his seat on the front of the wagon and started setting up shop. But instead of the pots and pans and KY tubes and other necessities we were expecting to see, all there was was four or five long shelves with a bunch of bottles on them. The stranger grabbed up one of them there bottles and turned around to face us.

"Good people of Gayton," he began, in the mellow tones of a

snake-oil salesman, "I have something here that will end all of your worries, relieve your tensions, give you back your dignity and restore your faith in the knowledge that what you're doing is right. And it's here - yes, right here in this little brown bottle I'm holding right here in my very own hand! I call it 'Gayton Freedom' in honor of all you good people and your fine little town, and...."

"Wait a minute," said one of the townspeople, "we've already got our Gayton Pride, and it does all of that stuff you was talking about for us already."

"Perhaps so, my friend," the salesman answered, "but I'm more inclined to believe that whatever your Gayton Pride does for you is purely psy-co-logical!"

Not too many of us know what the word meant, but it sounded like our Gayton Pride wasn't really doing what we thought it was doing. Then the stranger got us with the clincher:

"Besides, is your Gayton Pride used in the big cities like...Queensville?"

Well, after hearing a piece of news like that, you can bet we was all in a kind of stupor. Just thinking about taking the same alixer that them big city folks in Queensville take makes a body

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sort of feel grand and important. And what the heck, it sounded like it would do what Gayton Pride did, so what did we have to lose?

"I'll take one."

"Me, too!"

"Gimmie two!" And on it went until the stranger plumb sold out of the stuff, with folks still carrying on for more. So the feller finally climbed back on his wagon, said he'd be back next month with more of the alixer and he and Sentinel galloped away.

Well, the salesman never returned. It's just as well; we would've tarred and feathered him if he did. That "Gayton Freedom" stuff he sold us was nothing more than watered down whiskey with glitter in it, and everybody who bought a bottle of the stuff woke up the next morning with a headache and a scratchy throat.

But life goes on here in Gayton. Things have settled down quite a bit. And whenever somebody comes into town trying to stir things up, we all take our Gayton Pride, just like we used to. It may be all psy-co-logical....but it still works fine for us.

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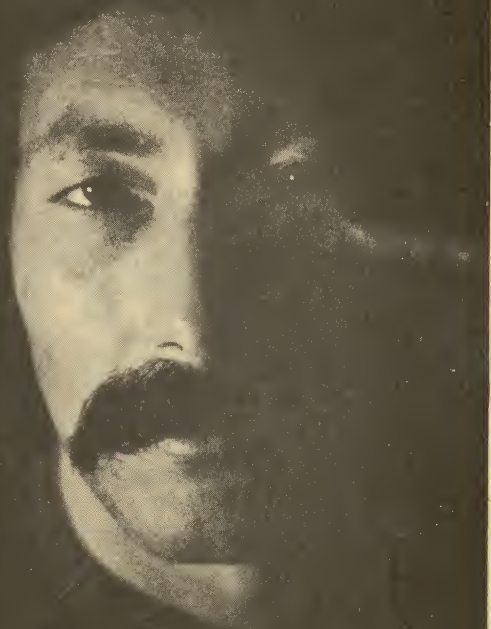
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As a practical matter, AB 489 will have little impact on gay sex life in the State of California because the one single area that could be said to be close to home for gays, AB 489 does not reach. The San Francisco Crime Commission, in its 1971 report to the Mayor, listed statistics for only 3 arrests for sodomy, while in the same year, 339 arrests for solicitation, and AB 489 does not reach to solicitation -- it simply means that if you can find a way to get him/her into the privacy of your (her/his) home without asking, then you are 'legal' from there on, assuming, of course, consent. That translates into another sort of legislative mumbo-jumbo on the order of decriminalizing possession of pot, but not the purchase, and how are you gonna get it otherwise?

As a practical matter, AB 489 will have little impact on the sex life of gays in California, even if it will be nice to know that we are no longer classed with those who commit murder, assault, rape and robbery, crimes that are perpetrated by proportionately far, far fewer gays than straights; crimes from which one does not escape unscathed yet which are incomprehensibly categorized with a proposition, to which one need only reply no and walk away. Indignant perhaps; perhaps shocked, but able to walk away, nevertheless. How many murder, rape or assault victims can stalk away indignantly?

As a practical matter, AB 489 will foster few, if any changes in the sex life of the State of California. Removal of legal sanctions is in no way going to guarantee acceptance of gays by straight society. It does not guarantee that society will condone and go on a binge, and it is hard to envision a "Take a Homosexual to Lunch Week," but it does mean that gays will no longer be able to be put away for being gay. Acceptance may never come, and if it does, it will have to be gained in other ways, but just being free from the legal sanctions against sex is nice to have,

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and AB 489 does do that, even if much against the wishes of some of the members of the California State Senate.

As a practical matter, AB 489 had started far more adrenalin flowing in the opposition than among the supposed beneficiaries. In the Senate, the attack on AB 489 was led, as usual, by the evangelistic legislators who can't seem to differentiate between their personal beliefs and a legitimate governmental interest. Screaming Sodom and Gomorrah, they pounded their governmental pulpits, not only not separating church and state, as mandated by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, but actually dragging their religious beliefs into the very arena from which they are (supposedly) Constitutionally barred, raising at the very least serious question that they may have committed an offense of failure to uphold their oath of office which includes protecting and upholding both the California Constitution and the U.S. Constitution with that First Amendment guarantee of freedom of religion -- or freedom of non-religion as you prefer (in theory). In their fanatic zeal, they forget, ignore, or simply never know that this very country was founded by those forefathers who had been sim-

ilarly enslaved to the prevailing religious dogma of the 1600's. Persecuted and driven from England and the Netherlands for defying the omni-potent religious practices of the time, we now have to suffer their descendants practicing the same tyranny over those who don't believe as they do. Just as committed to shackled salvation as were their forefathers' enemies, they would just as quickly put to the stake any and all "heretics" who do not subscribe to their theories as would have their ancestors' enemies in England; the very enemies that forced them from their homeland into the "New World." Screaming Sodom and Gomorrah, pounding their pulpits, and holding their Bibles close to their hearts, they can offer no reports, no statistics, no validation for the government regulating the sex life of its citizens, and indeed, would not even attempt to cite the Wolfendon Report because the statistics there show just the opposite. So they avoid fact, and scream fiction and God in an effort to avert their loss of power over the government and the lives of the citizens. A loss that, with the changing trends in religious attitudes, and the loss in attendance in churches, they can ill afford to lose.

Close on the heels of our Sacramento Billy Grahams came, again, as usual, yet, still, those ill-read, ill-informed protectors of society who, as usual, ascribe the fall of past great civilizations to a permissive society, an interpretation that generally revolves around the issue of tolerated homosexuality. Even a perfunctory scan of any in-depth history of those great civilizations to which they point as examples would cast at the minimum a serious doubt on the intelligence of our elected officials, and at the same time provide at least moot, if not contrary, evidence to their claims.

Greece, the very nation from which we claim so many of our freedoms and liberties, and to which we ascribe our very form of government, rose to power, glory and fame as a "permissive" society, and fell under a repressive, interfering government, not vice versa. Greece's greatest glory was achieved under the leadership of a, if not confirmed certainly suspected, homo-sex-ual. A scan of Greek history would also show that much of the greatest of Greek culture was originated, embodied or codified by homo-sex-uals, and that our very system of government might well have come from the minds of those homo-sex-uals in a "permissive" society. Greece also rose, flourished and died never having been 'saved' by Christianity.

And Rome, darling of the pulpit pounders, it will be noted, also rose to power and flourished as a "permissive" society, at the pinnacle of which it was ruled by the reportedly most despotic of caesars -- Nero. Rose rose and flourished as a "permissive" society, only to fall under the burden of excessive governmental interest in controlling its citizens lives and conduct. Rome rose and flourished as a "permissive" society and it fell as a Christian society-state.

And England, our own mother country, began its growth to Empire in a "permissive" society and set the mold for its eventual demise with its religious impositions, driving from the country those who would not too long afterward wrench from it The Colonies, precursor to its eventual loss of the Empire.

Yet still, here, in 1975, in the greatest and freest country on earth, we have the religious trying desperately to maintain their control over society in their attempts to defeat a measure that would tear governmental control from their grasp by removing the secular from the religious, by granting some of us the very same freedoms to carry on



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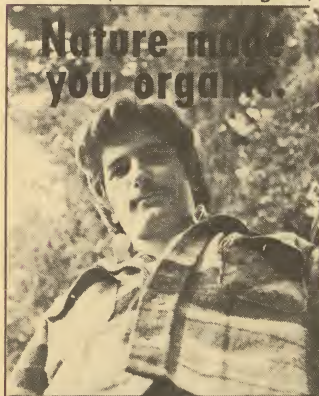
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Nor is it to be assumed that AB 489 was unanimously accepted or wanted by the gay community itself. AB 489 had not traveled all that far without furor in the Assembly, the Senate and even the gay community. There were those closet cases who, amid many contemptuous and disparaging remarks about the bill, had joined forces with the god-vendors in an attempt to defeat AB 489. And, on the morning of Thursday, May 1, 1975, they had almost succeeded with a 20-16 vote.

And now, at 1:30 on a Thursday afternoon, May 1, 1975, we had a 20-20 chance; a one-vote, one-shot chance to free those of us who don't subscribe to the religious and sexual tenets of others; a one-vote, one-shot chance to free governmental law from religious doctrine; a one-vote, one-shot chance to free a purely secular interest from the iron grasp of religious morals imposed upon us all under the guise of "law." We had, in short, a one-vote, one-shot chance to be free to go to hell in our own handbasket rather than continuing to be enslaved "saved" by others' moral impositions on our conduct, a conduct that simply does not affect them except insofar as they are damned and determined to save our

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Show Biz In Review

By Donald McLean

Stage: Noel Coward In Two Keys

The current offering at the Geary Theatre, NOEL COWARD IN TWO KEYS, may not be a memorably great evening of theatre, but thanks to a trio of fine actors -- Anne Baxter, Jessica Tandy and Hume Cronyn -- it's certainly a rewarding evening well worth seeing.

The opening play by the master of sophisticated wit is entitled *Come into the Garden, Maud*. It's a frothy bubble of little importance, about a rich henpecked husband abroad who encounters a woman who makes him realize how dreary his life is and persuades him to run away with her, leaving his social-climbing wife with her blue henna rinse and dinner parties.



Hume Cronyn and Anne Baxter star in the A.C.T. presentation of "Noel Coward In Two Keys." Now at the Geary.

Jessica Tandy as the wife walks away with the playlet, while Cronyn and Miss Baxter offer solid support. The play opens the evening with a few solid

chuckles, as if Sir Noel dashed it off during coffee break.

The second play, *A Song at Twilight*, provides the meat to the first act potatoes. Cronyn is in top form as Hugo Latymer, renowned author and *enfant terrible* (Noel himself?), grandly granting his former mistress Carlotta permission to dine with him while his wife/secretary goes off to the films. Carlotta asks permission to reprint his love letters to her in her forthcoming autobiography, Hugo denies the request, and Carlotta sweeps out at the end of Scene I by announcing she has other love letters -- to his former male secretary, revealing Hugo's homosexual tendencies. The play is alternately brittle and amusing as Hugo and Carlotta verbally fence, and sad as Hugo is made to finally, in his twilight years, face his life of dishonesty and self-denial.

Anne Baxter plays Carlotta with a depth far beyond what the script allows; she is the embodiment of the aging actress who refuses to grow old gracefully, yet retaining her humor and honesty about herself, acknowledging her numerous facelifts, keeping her chin up at all times to prevent sagging neck muscles, lowering herself gently into chairs and always aware of being under a spotlight. In contrast to her vital, charming portrayal in the first act, it is a subtle performance that equalizes Cronyn's crochety Hugo -- two old warhorses who are a good match for each other. And Miss Tandy provides a strength as the wife of convenience that brings the hollow consolation of "clever" people into focus all too sharply.

Joel Parks is attractive as the waiter, the connecting link between the two plays. Vivian Matalon has directed with sweeping theatricality, as benefits a Coward vehicle. But *Two Keys* is certainly less than first-rate Coward; it's indeed fortunate to have three first-rate actors to give it substance.

STAGE: THE HEARTBREAK OF PSORIASIS

The best thing about *The Heartbreak of Psoriasis* is that it's not a communicable disease. You can avoid all contamination by staying away from the Kabuki Theatre, or you can pay your money and sit far back and take a chance the ill effects won't reach you before the third act curtain.

For the hale and adventurous, *Psoriasis* is an erstwhile musical comedy

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Underground star Divine plays Mother looking like an inflated Totie Fields. Divine, known for her decadent film career, goes against the image until the third act, and manages to invest the role with an appealing personality. Since that is all the script demands of her, she cannot be faulted on that score. That she cannot sing is of little importance either, since with the sound system it's impossible to hear even the ones who can. Divine is simply there to play straightman for everybody else -- it's a dull role and comes across accordingly.

David Baker Jr., and Candice Vadala fare a little better as Dad and Daughter, and Shelley Werk and Richard Alexander light up the stage in their all too brief appearances. The music by Eugene Babo is serviceable, the book (a cliché of a cliché), lyrics (pretentious) and direction (rush hour traffic cop) are by Sebastian, the excellent sets are by Martin Izquierdo and the choreography (providing the only lively moments of the evening) is by Jim Piersall.

The show is nothing more than an over-elongated revue sketch with depressing overtones that doesn't know when to quit. It's not outrageous,



Divine lays another one! More rumors have it that this turkey egg will hatch into a movie. Let's hope it plays Petaluma first, this time.

bizarre or remotely entertaining.

I spent a year in the Kabuki Theatre one night!

Editorial Note: After the submission of Mr. McLean's column, our office learned that "Heartbreak Of Psoriasis" would be closing in the near future (perhaps even before you read this) and that the production would be moved out of town. Rumor has it that Los

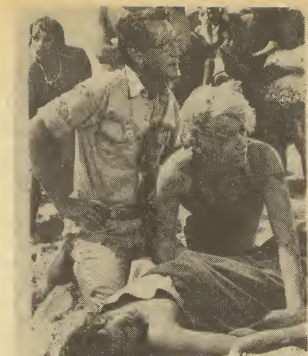
Angeles may be the lucky recipient, so we direct this review to our readers in the Southland.

FILM: JAWS

The ad says "May Be Too Intense For Younger Children." Well, Peter Benchley's best seller *Jaws* is almost too intense for middle-aged critics. Four minutes into the credits, *Jaws* grabs you bolt upright out of your seat and keeps you there for two hours. Benchley's not a bit farfetched plot about a 25' killer shark terrorizing a New England coastal town during the 4th of July holiday rush is the most gripping, suspense-filled film to come along in years. Without the cheap plot contrivances of the new wave "disaster" films, the screenplay by author Benchley and Carl Gottlieb is keenly intelligent, the performances exceptional and the direction by Stephen Spielberg spellbinding. For the record, Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw and Richard Dreyfuss are the stars; they all give admirably low key performances of conviction and authority, with a beautiful supporting turn by Lorraine Gary. But the real star is the special effects department -- that shark has a distinct personality as any of the humans. It's not for the squeamish, but the

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Chief of Police Brody [Roy Scheider] and his wife Ellen [Lorraine Gary] huddle anxiously over their son Michael [Chris Robello], in shock after witnessing an attack by a great white shark on an adult swimmer.

sensationalism is minimal. The horror and suspense are quite genuine.

Take along a good friend to grab hold of and an abundant supply of cigarettes and fingernails! *Jaws* is a killer of a film.

FILM: THE DROWNING POOL

The best thing that can be said for *The Drowning Pool* is that Paul



Paul Newman glares at Melanie Griffith in this scene from "The Drowning Pool."

Newman is in it. Newman recreates his detective character of Lew Harper with the same charm and deft comic touches as before, but alas, he just doesn't have a script to work with this time around. The plot is barely intelligible and not worth going into. There is lots of smutty dialogue and Newman spends half the film running around in his undershorts to compensate for lack of plot, direction or interest. Joanne Woodward drifts briefly through looking like she just wandered in from filming *The Long Hot Summer*, obviously lending her name for boxoffice support. It's a disgraceful waste of a fine actress. Tony Franciosa

and Murray Hamilton chew up the scenery as if they might never work again (which, considering this film, is highly possible) and something named Melanie Griffith plays your friendly teenage-nympho-next-door with all the sex appeal of an underfed guppy.

The dialogue reaches its peak of hilarity when a redneck cop says to Newman "I spotted your car" and Newman replies, "You spotted it? Well, wash it off. It's rented!" Let that give you the first clue.

If you have a choice of seeing *The Drowning Pool* or attending a D.A.R. meeting, give the girls my best!

by Donald McLean

Meet Blaze Starr

by Donald McLean

"Come on, daddy, you want to powder my left boobey?! Just the left. I'm saving the right for that daddy in the second row." She's Blaze Starr, the highest paid stripper working today, and the tiny PALACE THEATRE on Turk Street is jammed to capacity at 1 P.M. on a Monday afternoon to see the last of the legends.

To say Blaze Starr is a stripper is really a misnomer. Oh, she takes it off -- all off -- but not to the strains of *Sophisticated Lady*. The music is incidental...so are the bumps and grinds. In flashy white satin with mirrors, tons of feathers and the obligatory flame red hair, Blaze talks her act. It's all audience participation, which the patrons (complete to a baldheaded man in second row) thoroughly appreciate. She kids stripping with a fast slightly racy patter that immediately marks her as the most likeable stripper in the business. It's Gypsy Rose Lee time at the Palace, which is not surprising -- Gypsy was an early idol of Blaze Starr's when she started in the business ("But Gypsy was already out of stripping when I started. Tempest Storm and Lily Christine, the Cat Girl, were the big headliners when I started.")

When the little girl from Appalachia country in West Virginia has done pretty well herself. And with an 8th Grade education, her autobiography *Blaze* sold over 100,000 copies in hard (you should forgive the expression) cover, and went into paperback on July 1st, the rights have been bought to make a movie of it, and Blaze hopes that Ann-Margaret or Valerie Perrine will play her in the film ("I can't think of anyone else who could do it"). She's now working

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Blaze Starr and her twin 38DD's.

between shows with a scriptwriter and is just beginning to hit the strip circuit once again. "I've always known the value of publicity. When the movie comes out, they'll all want to come see me...and I'll be there." Her book created a mild sensation when she revealed her love affairs with Gov. Long of Louisiana and the current Mayor of Philadelphia ("But he was only a traffic cop when I knew him").

Blaze is celebrating her 25th year in exotica this year. Now 42, she named herself Blaze Starr when she was plunking guitar in a western band at 14 years old. "I didn't get paid, I was just sitting in with the band, but I thought 'It's Show Biz!'" She plays five instruments and writes songs, four of which they plan to use in the film. "When love affairs fall apart, I write a song. And I write when they're going well too. But then I always hid them away. I never planned for anyone to hear them." Blaze then sings me a fast chorus about a girl who grew up to be a 38DD cup, just her measurement.

At 15, she was taken by a friend to the 2 O'Clock Club in Baltimore where it was immediately decided she should be a stripper. Six years ago, she bought the same club in Baltimore she started her career in and headlined a complete revue of eight girls. The club, and Blaze, did thriving business until three months ago when she sold the club to hit the road. "It really was the most elegant club on the East Coast. But I just got bored after six years." And is it true she is the highest paid stripper in the business. Blaze smiles hesitatingly, almost as if she's a little embarrassed about the fact, and says, "Oh, yes. By about \$2000 a week more. (At the Palace, she made \$4000 for one week)

But it's really the old story. You know. When you're independent and don't need it, then you get it." With book and movie rights, a nightclub sold and the top burlesque salary, Blaze Starr has done very well for that gal with little education. "I've been told if I'd had a college education, I would have been too dangerous to live."

Seven weeks ago, she finally after all these years went to full topless-bottomless nudity. Does it bother her? "No, because everyone else is doing it...Porno films were what killed burlesque. It was something new for male patrons. In the old days, we were all like one big family. Tempest Storm is a good friend still. We always had two comics on the bill wherever you worked. I miss the comics. And there are no new strippers coming along. Most of the girls now are really go-go dancers and not that interested in it. And it's a shame because there are burlesque houses opening up all over the country and can't find anyone to fill them."

Blaze is a friendly Aries, adored by her co-workers, and with her still pronounced West Virginia drawl, funny and honest as we talk. She's a smart lady without being tough, and I believe her completely when she tells the

customers, "I love my work!" And if you want to hear a truly liberated lady, listen to Blaze Starr when she talks about men -- "I tried marriage for 12 years until it got to be too much. Now, when I fall in love with someone, I move 'em in...and when they start hollaring at me, I move 'em out!"

Right on, Blaze Starr!

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Features

Bertha At Bat

By Jack Burden

Sutter's Mill Wins Northern Div. Crown

Twin Peaks remained co-holders of first place in the Southern Div., by being awarded a mandatory 7-0 forfeit victory over a short-manned Kokpit squad. With time allowing, the two teams engaged in a friendly pick-up game for the amusement of the fans. Peaks loaned a right fielder to the "Pit" team and Arlene of the Mint volunteered her pitching services. At least one record was set in this inter-team battle as Arlene became the first female to ever strike out a batter in a C.S.L. contest. You've come a long way baby.

The Mint showed some late season power as they turned back a tough

Toad Hall squad 9-2. Staggering thru the season playing mediocre ball, the Mint finally snapped out of their daze and played their best game to date. Led by the hitting of catcher Jim Davis and the fielding of second baseman Tom Clarke, the big "blue and white" showed the potential to beat anyone.

The loss left Toad Hall two games behind co-leaders Pendulum and Twin Peaks in the Southern Div. With only two games remaining in the '75 season, it looks like it will have to be next year for Bill Pielock and his beauties. But all hope is not yet lost. In this league, anything can happen.

The Purple Pickle won their second game of the season as they narrowly defeated Jackson's, 15-14. A truly fun game that was enjoyed by all, set an example of what the C.S.L. was intended to be. Good, clean fun. Congrats. to the Pickle and to Jackson's. I will say. I still believe and you shall

overcome. It still amazes me how you as a team can go thru nine games without a win and still be the jovial and dedicated bunch of guys you are. That's some kind of spirit.

The Hombre and Roundup squared off in an evenly matched battle of the bats with the Hombre getting the decisive hits for a 14-11 victory. After leading most the way and holding a 7-5 lead after 5 innings, the Roundup slipped defensively in the sixth and allowed the Hombre to score 7 runs to take the lead and the ballgame.

FeBe's put up a respectable defense before falling to the Pendulum 8-2. Any team that can hold the Pendulum to 8 runs and not be shutout has every right to feel proud. For a first year team, I feel FeBe's has made a fine showing in the C.S.L. They are playing 500 ball and stand in third place in the tough Southern Div. An impressive stat. for any team.

A lot of bad criticism has been thrown at VooDoo and his team from Folsom and it has been said they are bad sports with hot tempers. This is unfair. Should we judge one team, then



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let us judge them all. Can you name me any team that hasn't had their differences this year? Stick in there FeBe's and remember that where you have one criticism, you have two praises.

The Hombre became 4-4 as they swept past Jackson's 28-5. A good team, the Hombre has its problems this year because of injuries. Of all the broken bones and bruised prides sustained by C.S.L. players, the Hombre has absorbed 80 per cent. Now that is a terrifying stat. for a coach to have to face. Led by coach Jack Haley and the one and only Tuffy Adams in left field, the Hombre has the potential to do head to head battle with any challenger except for that foe called injury.

In the battle to decide who is number one in the Southern Div., Twin Peaks and the Pendulum took to the field to vie for that undisputed ace spot. Both teams stood at 7-1. A loss for either team would almost eliminate them from any title chances. The stands were packed with fans cheering on their favorite Castro team. The game started with Twin Peaks taking the first momentum and a 3-0 lead. The Pendulum tallied three of their own and all of a sudden we had a tie ball game. Not for long though as the Pendulum took charge midway thru the game and allowed no more Twin Peaks scores to take a 7-3 Divisional win. The Pendulum has the lead in the Southern Div., but could be tied up again if they lose their season finale to the Mint and Twin Peaks takes Sutter's Mill in their final contest.

After the game, the two rival teams gathered themselves along with various players from other teams and proceeded to have a spaghetti feed to mull over the games' good plays and try to forget the errors made by everyone. At evening's end, Twin Peaks presented Irene and her victorious Pirates with a cake in honor of their win. A gesture that showed the utmost respect to a man that everyone jests about, but also to a man that everyone loves. Dear Heart, that's the truth. A truly fine act by Twin Peaks.

The Mint remained in second place in the Northern Div., as the Kokpit gave up their second forfeit victory in as many games. A mandatory 7-0 win for the Mint. A camp game ensued as members of the Mint squad decided to go and play for the underdog. Arlene, cheerleader for the Mint, once again, throwing her second straight strikeout of

the year.

Toad Hall was eliminated from any title hopes as they dropped a surprising 9-7 loss to the Roundup. The loss was the third in a row for Bill Pielock's team and the fourth of the year. I am still confused as to the "fall of the Hall." A great team that started the season with a rush and had everyone believing that they were just getting started. Loaded with heavy hitting and sure fielding, Toad Hall has proven to be one of the strongest teams year after year. I'm not too sure what happened to the Toad team this last half of the season, but I'm sure they will bounce back to vindicate themselves.

Sutter's Mill, my predicted league titlist, came one step closer to that prediction as they took a 9-5 win over FeBe's to capture the Northern Div. crown. Leading the division from the season's opener, the Mill has shown the finesse and talent that has carried them to eight victories while suffering but one defeat, a narrow 8-6 loss to Toad Hall. May I be the first to wish them the best and offer my congratulations on an already successful season. A fine team to represent the Northern Div. Again, congrats. to Bubba and his team.

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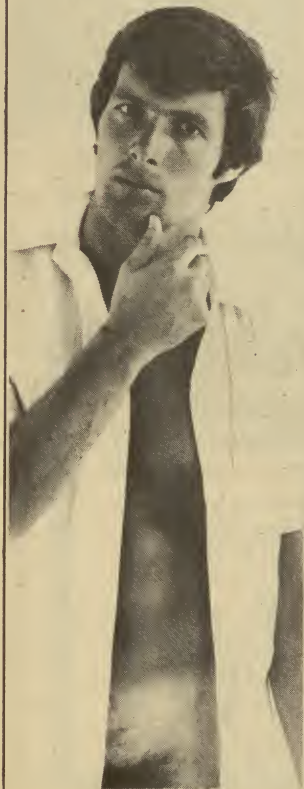
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There will be but one scheduled game from now until July 12. That will be make-up game between the Hombre and FeBe's. The reason for the three week intervention is that the league had to allow two weekends for make-up games and one week allowed for the July 4th holiday.

The Hombre and FeBe's game will be played Saturday, June 28, at Balboa Park. Game time will be 12:00. A good point of interest will also occur that day. An all-star team from Sacramento will be in the city that day and has offered a challenge to the Hombre team. The Hombre gladly accepted and the game will be played following the Hombre and FeBe game. Let's all go out and give support to our local team as they face the Sac. all-stars.

Remember: June 28 Doublehead-er: FeBe's - Hombre at 12:00

Homebre - Sac All-Stars at 2:00

The final regular season games will be played July 12 and 13 at Balboa Park.

Sat. July 12

12:00 Roundup at Kokpit

2:00 Hombre at Pickle

Sun July 13

10:00 Hall at Jackson's

12:00 Mint at Pendulum **

2:00 Peaks at Mill **

**Crucial games that will decide Southern Div. title.

Current Standings

Northern Division

Sutter's Mill 8-1

Mint 6-3

Hombre 4-4

Kokpit 1-8

Jackson's 0-9

Southern Division

Pendulum 8-1

Twin Peaks 7-2

Toad Hall 5-4

FeBe's 4-5

Roundup 4-5

Purple Pickle 2-7

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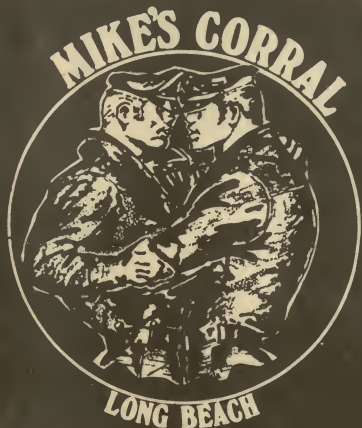
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Letter From Mole End

Dear Gray:

You will be happy to know that I have at last found a use for common milkweed (groundsell) -- it cures colic! Now that I know it's good only for babies and caged birds (as greens to peck at), I can pull it out of the garden with a clear conscience, since I have no baby and no birds.

The bathroom at the new Mole End was painted, I *thought*, a dreadful shade of aqua, otherwise known as landlord blue. I scrubbed it down with spicnspan, however, and it turned out to be an almost pleasant robin's egg color. I think the room's too small to be anything but white, not having any windows, but at least the color won't offend me for the time being. And the spicnspan is actually household-strength tri-sodium phosphate (TSP), as is recommended for washing down surfaces that are about to be painted, so I took care of two birds with one stoned cleaning session. I plan to paint in a week or so, before the walls get dirty again.

So far, I've fallen on my new roller skates only twice, and both times because I misjudged a hill. The swamps of home didn't have hills to skate on, so all my childhood skating experience counts for nothing in San Francisco. I have yet to find a level block between

the End and the office, so I'll be practicing in schoolyards for the next couple of weeks. It's amazingly easy to stop rolling on skates when I'm flat on my ass and the skates are off the pavement! I find even a nearly imperceptible slope speeds the rolling an awful lot, and I really prefer not to stop myself by grabbing stop-signs and power poles.

I finally unpacked the last box and stowed the last book, and have even managed to hang pictures. By the time you get to the City, I won't have to search for anything three hours. I cleaned out the storage drawers in the kitchen over the weekend, and lined them first with newspaper from the packing, and then regular shelf paper. The newspaper is a good insect deterrent. There are ant trails all around the foundations of the house, and I'm told they come inside in the winter, so I figured I'd get the jump on them. As soon as I find the entrance(s) to their hill(s), I'm going to put cayenne out, to keep them away from the building. A line of cayenne, three times as wide as an ant is long, will keep them away from just about anything, even on picnics.

I've decided that, since there is very little air movement around the place, I'm going to panel the bottom

portion of the walls inside with cedar closet lining. That way, the air will always smell forest-y, and I eliminate the need to paint about half the walls. (Is painting my least favorite activity? or second least favorite? How did you guess?)

I made the mistake of wearing my marshmallow pumps into the garden to do some weeding the other day, and got green stains all over them, which led to the discovery of a safe way to bleach them. I've always hated to use Clorox on tennies, because it rots the rubber parts. But I found a regular washing, and then a five-minute soaking in heavily salted water, followed by sun drying, got them as white as white, with no damage to the soles or insides at all. The stiffness came out when I re-rinsed and got out the salt. Sprinkling a layer of salt on them would speed the process up, because it will just brush off when the shoes are dry, and still bleach them as well.

One of the fellows at the office has "sort of" adopted a skunk that comes visiting him from Suto Forest. I looked up skunks in the dictionary and found out that they're omnivorous, which answered his question about what to feed it, and that they're related to the weasel and the mink, which answered his bife's question about whether it could be turned into a muff when it got

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a bit older. Can you imagine one of your favorite drag queens sauntering into the Garden Court for brunch with his hands wrapped in skunk? I checked with the County Health Department, and they told me that, although skunks are gentle and affectionate, like raccoons, and although they can be descended, they are illegal as pets in San Francisco. There is apparently a good chance that they will contract rabies if left to roam outside, due to their eating habits (they eat bugs, berries, bats, baby birds, beetroots -- anything they can get their paws on). Even captive born skunks are outlawed. Such a pity.

"Bife," by the way, is a contraction of "boy" plus "wife", and very useful as an unofficial link between the implied equality of partners and the inferred inequality of mates. I use it to mean that one is better at doing more of the housework than the other.

Have you had an success with house-breaking the puppy? White vinegar is about the only solution to the accident of odor problems, but be sure not to use it until any solid accident is taken care of, because most dog and cat foods have dyes in them which the vinegar will set into carpeting. Household ammonia will work on carpets, but don't use it on the wood floors -- it stains

them really dark and cannot be removed.

I experimented with the oven over the weekend and, wonder of wonders, after all these years in the City, I finally have an oven that heats to the temperature it's set for, and maintains that temperature. Now I can bake without checking the two thermometers

every few minutes. It's been so long since I had a trustworthy oven, I don't think I can handle it. The scent of Bachelor's Bait chocolate cake will fill the air...

When are you flying West, and how long are you staying? Until then, I'm at

Home, sweet hole
Mole.

Imperial Newsletter

By Wally Rutherford

From the Office of the Empress...

Doris X hopes everyone is making plans to attend the various announced functions during Gay Freedom Week. The festivities will conclude with the Annual Gay Freedom Day Parade on Sunday, June 29. The Wizard of Oz will have a float in the parade sponsored by the Tavern Guild. Several members of the cast of Oz will have an opportunity to be on and about the float, many in the costumes made for the production. There will also be a preview of selected numbers from Oz at SIR's Anniversary Party on Friday, July 18. Hope you can all attend!

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The Wizard of Oz opens August 15th at the Kabuki Theatre and tickets are going fast. Groups from Portland, Long Beach and a special bus from the Sausalito Inn are planning to attend. Empress Dorothy Big Mouth of Long Beach related that there is a lot of interest from the Southern Courts for the Oz production. Any out of town individuals or groups may order tickets by mail. The donation is \$7.50 and \$5.50. Please make your check or money order payable to Imperial Productions for Operation Concern and mail with a stamped self addressed envelope to Wizard of Oz, 98 LaFayette St., San Francisco, Ca. 94103. Remember all net proceeds benefit Operation Concern, which furnishes gay mental health services. Other activities for Operation Concern include CIRCUS-CIRCUS and be sure to purchase the new OC2 pin.

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August 10th is the date set for the Community Softball League winners vs The Police All-Star team. The game is a benefit for the High Sierra Boys Club which sends under privileged boys to camp during the summer months. The club is sponsored by the S.F. Police Dept., and the U.S. Marines and supported by the Community Soft Ball League. In addition, raffle tickets will be on sale soon for \$1.00 and fantastic prizes have been donated. Also, there will be a program printed for the event this year. If you wish to place an ad, please call Stu Holland at 558-5034 or 552-3960. Let's all support our Community Softball League as they advance into their final week of play, including the play-offs. Come on out to Balboa Park Saturdays and Sundays and watch the players, some camp, many skilled and both straight and gay play softball. They really know how to bring togetherness to the Community! To Peter



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(Puffer) Switzer - Sutter's Mill - our caps are off to him for another year of hard work as Softball Commissioner.

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Out Of Town Events...Doris X and several members of the Daisy Court met with Frieda IX to attend the San Jose Coronation on June 14th. Enroute there was a stop for dinner at the Cruiser in Redwood City....Thanks Danny for your hospitality. Congratulations to the new Reina de San Jose, Deserae VII, may your year be one of harmony and joy.

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On The Local Scene....It was a pleasure to see the fantastic turn-out at the benefit for Mr. Cowboy, Bill Toland in the Godfather Room, at the 527. Lenny was, as usual, a most generous host and Doris enjoyed tending bar for the many personalities who attended this fine event.

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On Tuesday, June 17, Doris attended the Windjammer's finals of their Jockey Shorts Contest. The crowd enjoyed the festivities and the turn out was great. Thanks to the staff of the Windjammer for a fine event.

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An evening of nostalgia, a My Fair Lady Party was held at the Phoenix. It was nice to see the winners donating their prizes to the Gay Building Fund and to Operation Concern. A very special thanks from Doris to John Sylvia who created her outfit depicting the ball gown from the movie and theme of the party.

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From The Office Of The Emperor...The Office of the Emperor of San Francisco and the Council of Emperors announce that applications for the candidacy for election to the title of Emperor IV of San Francisco are now available. The forms and rules for running for this office can be obtained by calling Mr. Bob Wiggin at 334-3546 or Emperor Bob Cramer at 421-3051. Filing fee for candidates is \$50.00 and four black and white glossy photographs. Applicants not selected for candidacy will receive their filing fee back within three days after the Emperor Candidate Review Board adjourns.

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Fund Raising Events...On Thursday evening, June 19, a private screening of Paul Newman's latest movie *The Drowning Pool* was attended by members and friends of the Cable Car Court. The screening was a benefit for

the Helping Hands Center and netted approximately \$100.00

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The July event will be the Cable Car Barn Dance to be held in conjunction with SIR's Anniversary weekend on Saturday, July 19. The event will be at SIR Center, from 8 to midnight, with SIR hosting the open bar. Admission is \$2.00 with all door and bar proceeds going to SIR. As part of the evening's activities, candidates for the 4th Emperor of San Francisco will be introduced.

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Locally, Emperor Bob Cramer and Imperial Mother, Jose, were guests of honor at the 20th Anniversary celebration for Shirley and Freddie on June 18th at Le Domino. More than 30 guests, including many of San Francisco's royalty were in attendance for the sit down dinner. Congratulations to Shirley and Freddie. May you have many more years of happiness.

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On Saturday, June 14, members of the Cable Car Court cabinet attended the Mr. and Miss Gay California Contest, sponsored by H.L. Perry. Congratulations to the winners, may you enjoy a successful year in office.

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Dateline: New York

By Rick Nielsen

Postcards: A Bit Of History

One of the biggest hobbies around these days is collecting postcards. If you are one of those who are into postcard collecting, you are a deltiologist.

Recently, in Baltimore, Md., the Sun newspapers featured a three page article in their magazine section on postcards, values, and collectors. One retail store in Manhattan called *Untitled*, 159 Prince St., is the largest outlet featuring postcards and related items. The store is a postcard collector's dream. By the end of May, 1975, NY City will feature the The First Postcard Show, held at Loeb's Center (NYU). Atlantis Studios, in NYC, has the first boyhood postcards ever featured exclusively sold at Legend Gallery and may offer them in other cities as well, later in the year. Calendars seems to be into the postcard scene, because many included tear-out postcards for the

month in 1975. Mr. & Mrs. Martin, Baltimore, have more than a half million postcards in their private collection and are considered one of the largest dealers in the field. What does all this mean? It means that postcards are a serious hobby and business.

Interest in deltiology isn't new, however, only recently has the pursuit attracted collectors in large numbers. Many old postcards, that were in supply, have virtually dried up and the value of them risen sharply. The hobby is acquiring an investment status. Some antique and stamp dealers run postcards as a side line. Many worth only a dime five years ago are now going for \$5.00 and up.

The appeal of postcards have gone on for years. At the turn of the century when a postcard craze was sweeping America, virtually every little village had a card made of one of its attractions. In 1873, the first USA penny postcard was born. Until 1907, no writing was allowed on the back, except the address. However, in 1907, the divided

back was introduced to the public. In their infancy, they were a cheap way of communication. Today, they are various prices and with postage fees going up, the postcard isn't a cheap thing anymore.

Postcards feature animals, children, buildings, trains and just about everything. They tell a little bit of present and past history. You can mount them, frame them or paste them in albums. Like coin and stamp collecting, the postcard hobby is here to stay.

ODDS & ENDS: Hollywood looking for a new James Dean? Seems that way, however, I can remember back to when James Dean died and ever since Hollywood has been looking. Just as nobody can really replace Marilyn Monroe, nobody can replace Jimmy... Kate Smith in the sport pages and very popular with the Philadelphia Flyers, a hockey team... The Romanian government tells people that Dracula was a kind of Robin Hood. Truth is, he was a horror who liked to go around pounding stakes into the ground and then pound people onto the stakes... in Brooklyn, NY, the manager of a body shop (cars) was arrested for offering human bodies for sale (for sexual acts)... New Jersey is finally getting tough on those who abuse children and it is about time. That state has a very bad name concerning the vast amount of children who have died because of child abuse... a Queens, NY, group, The Emergency Committee to Defeat Intro 554, is sounding off because their members fear homosexuals would be hired, if the bill is passed into law, as teachers and that the law, giving equal rights to gays is against the Judeo-Christian beliefs. Same on them! A real Christian would not want to keep anybody down, much less condemn a woman or a man who happens to be gay. I am for the bill and for all sexual rights pertaining to humans. It is my hope that the bill will be passed into law in 1975. ☆



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Ramblings

By George Grassby

Little Ruby Cont'd.

[As you recall from the last episode, Little Ruby had encountered the Bandit Nuns from South of the Border, and decided to join them. Her Uncle, the Venerable Misogynist decided he would seek her out and bring her back to the fold, so to speak.]

Soon after departing with the Veiled Gang, it was decided by the Leader, Sr. Rough & Ready of the Belated Passion of the Sacred Mountain (among her sisterly associates, known simply as Sr. R&R) not to terrorize the lands that night. So they departed back to their convent, located high in the mountains. A great sigh went up from all the populace when they heard the roar of the bikes heading south. Offerings were made and candles lighted to the Almighty by a terribly grateful population. However, this was to be short lived. They knew it, but better to thank the Almighty, lest he release a terrible scourge upon them. In those days, one didn't fuck around with those more powerful than you.

Back in the convent on the mountain, they decided to celebrate the arrival and wise decision of Little Ruby to join them. They decided to whoop it up before night prayers. (In spite of their un-holy doings, they were still nuns and kept the rules and constitutions of their order.) Actually, it was only during the full moon that they went a little amok. During other times, they kept the terror to a minimum. It was tiring, after all, and these times were prior to amphetamines. Terrorizing was hard work and some of the girls didn't have all the vim and vigor they used to.

It must be noted at this point that in the original version, the "sordid acts" committed by these un-holy virgins, the authors were somewhat vague in their descriptions. They were a rather prim lot and not like the Italians of the Renaissance period, who were more lurid than necessary. The early writers on the Desert Fathers tended to be more puritanical than not. As revealed in the hymn composed in those days, and still sung today, is the line in which they ask the Almighty to free them from

"things that go boomp in the night" and "wicked dreams." They would hardly describe "sordid acts" in detail, lest "wicked dreams," etc, manifest itself whilst they "meditated peace and silence" on their hard beds.

Even the term "Dyke" is difficult to explain. It is a direct translation from the Latin, and many things lose meaning when rendered into English. To wit: the curious line in the Benedictine martyrology about "St. Eusebeus the irresponsible who preached to the Martians and converted many." It is a confusing line and scholars to this day debate over the actuality of the "Martians." Thus, the word "Dyke" could be a long forgotten sect/order of long expired religious, or....?

While Little Ruby spent her days reveling, and so forth, with the Bandit Nun, her uncle cast many tears in sorrow and bewilderment over her actions. "Why, oh why did she leave like this? She surely knows of my nature. To dislike this mode of life is one thing, but to go off with that crowd of nefarious virgins!" And weighed down with sorrow and unmitigated grief, he again cast down torrents of tears.

About 5 years later, he partially

overcame his grief, and decided to forsake his hermitage, to don the costume of reveler, and seek out Little Ruby (not so little at this point) before she was totally debauched and cast into the nether world of darkness, where one sat about gnashing one's teeth and tasting bitter herbs all day/night long.

[To be continued]

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It'll be a cold day in hell if Bill McWilliams of the Boot Camp goes with anyone that has a lover...no matter what the Dowager Mr. Marcus says...job jeopardy is at stake Marcus.

Cancer - June 21st...July 20th.
The Cancerians' most positive point is his understanding nature. On the whole, he is a loving and sympathetic person. He would never go out of his way to hurt anyone. The Cancer man or woman is often very kind and tender, and will do what they can to help someone less fortunate circumstances than themselves. They are often very concerned about the world. Their interest in people generally goes beyond that of just their own families and close friends; they have a deep sense of brotherhood and respect humanitarian values.

The Cancer man or woman is a person who knows the art of patience. When something seems difficult, he is willing to wait until the situation becomes manageable again. He is a person who knows how to bide his time. When he has made his mind up, he generally sticks with what he does, seeing it through to the end.

The Cancerian is a person who loves his home. He enjoys being surrounded by familiar things and the people he loves. Of all the signs, Cancer is the most maternal. Even the men born under this sign often have a motherly or protective quality about them. They like to take care of people in their family...to see that they are well loved and well provided for. They are generally loyal and faithful. Family ties mean a lot to the Cancer man or woman. Parents and in-laws are respected and loved. The Cancerian has a strong sense of tradition. He is very sensitive to the moods of others.

David (Fern) Weber - 4th July;
Curt Bryan - 10th July; Dick (Cristal) Nelson - 12th July; Dick Petroff - 13th

July.

Had a fabulous time with Laura June Page and Ms. George Banda at Shirley and Freddie's 20th Anniversary Party at Le Domino. A great bunch of people showed up including Herman and Bella. See June, you did not lose your identity.

Is it true that Ginger is into water sports while she is in drag at the Kokpit with the fabulous Dick Nelson? You shouldn't play so rough, Ginger.

A pair of old and wonderful friends, Marion & Kay, of Sausalito and recently of San Juan, are opening a new bar in Laguna Beach, called 'Main Street' in early July and we will keep you informed on the grand opening. Won't we Betty Ryan.

Club Dori, out on Presidio Ave., has the great Douglas, formerly of the Pier 54 doing the cooking now and as Curt and yours truly can state, the food is fabulous. Where did you find the 'chubby' waitress for Friday and Saturday nites, George? Excellent wine

list too, if you get the wine from George's private cellar.

Rev. Ray and Daddy Joe Roland were huddled in a booth at the *P.S. the other day over lunch...seems as if they were discussing what to charge at Gay Weddings, now that both of them are performing. Don't make the prices too high, Revs., as you might have a new one to perform soon.

After the Gay Freedom Day Parade, there is a 'Charity Carnival' at California Hall, from 3 till 9. Booths, fun, booze, movies, etc. The bar is being handled by Joe Roland, yours truly will be selling drink tickets - you're welcome, Rev. Ray.

Saw Bobby Pace at the Kokpit last Saturday, and he stated that he was pregnant. Have you been seeing Snow again, Bobby? The first prize at the Phoenix's 'My Fair Lady' contest was won by Jack Koret and he looked simply fabulous from what people say. But then you always do Jack. Congrats to Mr. Cowboy, Rick Hammond and Ms. Cowgirl June Cowan - have a good reign.

Don't forget the Wizard of Oz - a
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Thank you Emperor Bob Cramer for the fun evening at the Mr. Cowboy contest...you and Betty Ford are heaven people....but about your alcoholic roommate, Fern. Welcome home Roger Hall, we all missed you including, Tommie. Curt, you are beautiful.

Fabulous surprise birthday party for Salvatore, at the *P.S. Salvatore is the fabulous Dixon, Polk St. Sally. I didn't know you used reefers Sally. Hope

your broken foot mends soon, Henri. You are a little too OLD to be dancing with the young Stephen of the *P.S. The luncheons at the *P.S. have improved immensely. Hope the Church Street Station will be just as good. Of course, it has mainly to do with Curt, Jerry, Dixon and the new cook, Paul.

Love to all known that, the 'Lips' is.

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Curt Remarks

By Curt Bryan

AND WHO WILL ANSWER...

For many years now, I've been accused of leaving the house each morning with leash in hand in search of an underdog. Just where this Pygmalion-like passion for causes and often-hopeless cases (i.e. lovers) begins is beyond my recall but to my amusement if not to those around me, the wheel has come full circle. No one can spend time, money, and talents in behalf of a cause, charity or issue without eventually realizing that some of that effort has to be directed against the other pole: the blatantly arrogant, self-serving and egotistical community rip-offs.

San Francisco isn't likely to abolish or even prune the growing number of titles in the near future. Whether they are given recognition by the Imperial Courts or not, there are always going to be persons who will support mini-titles by running for office, or supporting candidates by buying tickets. It's this fatalistic and frustrating realization that is causing more and more voices to be raised against absurd expenditures of personal and communal resources to bolster one man's self-esteem, elevate his social conscience or pad his pockets. Let me say here that there are certainly some productive and beneficial offices from which certain dedicated and very together people have, are now, and will continue to make notable changes and contributions -- Bob Cramer and the other Emperors come to mind as do out last three Emperresses and for some reason, Lee Raymond, too, who has injected a kind of camp into his office that is matched only by his energies devoted to auctions and benefits.

I don't pretend to have even one workable solution or answer now, but I do have some questions -- questions I hear every day. I'd like to share the vantage point of this space with others to question a few contentions pawned off on us by a breed of candidate we all know too well of late:

..- "IT'S ALL FOR CHARITY AND BESIDES, I AM IN IT FOR THE FUN, NOT TO WIN."

If it's for charity (and they all aren't), why do the candidates spend so much money on buttons, posters,



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parties, etc. when that money could go to the foundation to which they're supposedly so committed? A simple flyer, friends and a good reputation are surprisingly effective.

If it's all in fun and they're so ambivalent about winning, why do the loudest protesters engage in the kind of destructive back-biting and gutter level tactics that would make a jackel wretch? This is fun?

---"TITLES ARE NECESSARY TO GIVE UP FRONT CONCERNED WORKERS A PLATFORM FROM WHICH TO CHANGE LAWS, ATTITUDES AND BAD GUYS IN GENERAL."

What significant titles, other than camp names or bestowed titles given in gratitude, have the likes of Dixon, Hector, Bob Ross, Dick Walters, Doug DeYoung, Charlotte, Dick Gersbach, George Banda and others? Kish never won a title per se but when his head is on straight, there is not a more entertaining and crowd-drawing personality at shows or auctions or anywhere.

Where is a candidate, supervisor, senator, researcher, law enforcement or media person more likely to court favor or seek opinions from responsible and

truly representative gay thinkers and doers? The Mr. Cowboy Contest? Mr/Miss Gay California? They may be there to speak for themselves to their own purposes (election) but when they want to listen, you're more likely to find them approaching S.I.R., Tavern Guild, Operation Concern or the Whitman-Radcliff Foundation.

"TITLES AND THEIR CONTESTS BRING US TOGETHER FOR GOOD TIMES, CHARITABLE CAUSES AND SERVE AS A DRAW FOR PEOPLE TO ATTEND FUNCTIONS THEY MIGHT NOT HAVE ORDINARILY ATTENDED."

Fist fights, boycotts, walk-outs and further splitting of an already divisive and diverse community are about as likely to bring us together as Nixon did.

What the profits are and where they go is only grudgingly and then not always accurately disclosed. Too many times "for the needs of the Gay Community" is spelled H.L. Perry and too many times S.I.R. or Operation concern or the Building Fund has been cited as recipient of proceeds but received instead a detailed deficit sheet. Right?

The rationalization that titles are a

draw is too ridiculous to examine. As I said, there are going to be titles with us for a long while but every weakness can be strengthened and even cancer will succumb to the right cure.

POLK STREET SALLY FAN CLUB

Sweetlips bought the birthday cake (Woolworth's???) and bussed the bar, the staff sent champagne and a bouquet of two dozen long-stringed red helium balloons, the customers brought enough roses to bury any self-respecting gangster and Tony Lasagna brought a bucket of the Colonel's finest chicken. On just a few hours notice, the Polk Street Sally Fan Club gathered forces to give Dixon the one thing he gives so much of daily -- good company, fine wit and humor and so much love that you could cut it like the cake. Happy Birthday, Salvatore! As Hank, office manager, said when asked Dixon's age: "He's in the autumn of his thirties -- the late autumn!"

The Polk Street Sally Line Of The Week, drawn at random from the best 700 quips any given day, occurred the day that we placed the song "Sweetlips" on the juke-box because of Dick's increasing patronage (again!!). When the refrain 'my heart goes flip-flop...

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when Sweetlips kisses me' played for the umpteenth time, Dixon turned down the music to announce: "I want you all to know that this song has just received an Academy Award nomination as the theme from that current shark-thriller *Jaws*." Dick laughed louder than anyone, I might add.

BARROOM BEAUTIFUL, PAGE FORTY-TWO

Tee-shirts seen on Savoy Tivoli bartenders during the Grant Street Fair -- "I'm Looking For A Few Good Men and I Love Everyone -- You're Next" ... Know the Jackson's bartender who agreed to serve a customer only if he'd take his drink in a doggie bag?... Been to the Q.T. lately? It's habit forming for a number of reasons the least of which is **not** the staff. Unlike a few of his co-workers though, Bruce manages to combine good service and good looks. Stop in for lunch to see....Ask Fern (Jackson's) what a "quilt-queen" is. That was new to me...Be careful most anywhere on Folsom -- business is as good as ever but the police have been very visible in and around bars which has driven some owners there to start policing themselves as an alternative -- example, no more Lick-Ins at the Boot Camp (Not on stage anyway)...A lot of people on Polk St. would sure like a friendly visit from a favorite Mouse, sober or not...One of the most efficient and entertaining of bartenders is still Robin of what will soon be the Accident. His jokes and general bar-side manner are a guaranteed upper, but then so is his column...most of the time...Centerfold this issue of Barroom Beautiful is Alan, the new bartender-trainee at the 'P.S. and Casa de Cristal. This is no favoritism on my part -- people from all over the City are charging Fay Roy (Giselle) with mental cruelty for putting him behind the bar. If your heart is weak, better bring along the "salts."If your travels take you south, a 'must-stop' is Mulsuttons in Santa Cruz across from the merry-go-round. Beautiful bar, full of matching people and the most accomodating bartender you'll meet in a long while, Mike, formerly of our city. These guys opened the bar early for the bus load from the 'P.S./Polk St. picnic and the bar soon outdrew the park and beaches. Thanks again to Michael for the hospitality and the memorable, if outrageous, send-off.

Goodnight Kevin, Goodnight Duncan, Goodnight Mark, Goodnight Dick, Goodnight.....And.....

Polk St. Sally

By Dixon

POLK STREET BOOGIE:

Good morning. Good morning. It's Saturday on the strasse. Sort of gray and dank --- but lots of dear hearts & gentle people strolling by. Most of the folks with faces upturned to the sky willing the sun to come out. Especially, the summer blondes. There are a few people doing bonafide shopping, doing laundry (Hi, Wayne Friday) and doing little nagging household errands. The others are looking for something or someone to do. This can be fun -- which translates, "Fuck the housework!"

Starting with ciggys & coffee at Bob's Coffee Shop (Sacramento & Polk), one sort of gets the lay of the land -- so to speak, and test the tempo, rhythm of the passerbys. You can get wall-eyed peering through plate glass windows trying this, but it works. Besides, the laundromat is right next door. (Hi again, Wayne) Dig? After this sensible breakfast (ciggys & coffee), it's time for the booze break trek. And, I couldn't think of a nicer, brighter bloke to start the blood racing through my veins than Richard of the *new* Early Bird. Curly hair, moustache and a deep dimple. Richard reminds me of another smoothie (Miss him!) with know-how, the Little Dickens of Toad Hall, Jay R.

Onward to see the fabulous, witty Lee (Greta Grass) of the Kokpit. A real pro. Sitting in Pope Lip's corner, sipping & dishing, Bob Ball, of the Gold Room, Miss Gingersnap, the one & only Jim Bonko (Bouncing Bette), Friends of Dorothy & Club Dori, and an attractive twinkie named Dana. The conversation was verrrrrry interesting! Dana? Unfortunately, he was taking a lunch break. Watch for Greta's appearance at the Annual Beaux Arts Ball this Fall. We may have to go into therapy.

The new windows of the Left Bank Galleries stopped me dead in my tracks. Some fine oils being shown. Richard (Cristal), Danny (Cecil) and Kerry are three of the most multi-talented guys in town. They are never dull. Thanx for the birthday bauble, Kerry.

MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL:

The "My Fair Lady" contest at the Phoenix. Blimy. Allan (Suzie) of the Gangway and Miss Gingersnap were runner-up with Jack, the Hat Man, copping the first prize. Something right of Cecil Beaton. The marvelous Voo

Doo of Totie's emceed with the able, demure assistance of *The Mother Phil* of the "P.S. Mother never looked lovelier. Sort of a cross between Sandra Dee and Godzilla! Love him.

GOD-GIVEN TALENT:

That talented rascal, Jim Sterling, is having his newest art showing at Bradley's Corner commencing July 14th, through the 21st. Jim's collection of mix-media collages and welded sculpture show is named *Under the Influence*. Figures.....What a lad. Not only gifted, but hot too. As a matter of fact, that goes for his brother, Jim Owens of Sutter's Mill also. To name a few, lover Dick Cook of the Boot Camp, Cristal of the Left Bank, and Bob Ross of the "P.S. (eventually) have Sterling's work in their homes. I'd just as soon have Jim in mine (home)

ATENCIONE! ATENCIONE!

That gorgeous man, Jay Ling of the Santa Rosa Inn, spelled with two enns, please, is worth the short trip to our sister city to the north. Maroon! If

you like strawberries, dimples, a killer smile, body....I can't go on. Run, don't walk to see this gent. Are you listening, Marcus?

WE'LL GET THERE SOMEDAY:

I'm talking about our senior citizens. Tall, dark & breathing Vinnie with the CMC organization donated and using the offices of S.I.R., have re-established a fund to help and entertain our often-passedby seniors. With the help of our fine M.C.C. members, we are planning to spread our cheer in the near future to these deserving folks. Along with the great CMC people, Tony Lasagne of the House of Harmony, with the able help of Tom (Doo-Dah) of the Accident (nee, The Dude) & my daughter, Tacky Ruth (Mike of the 'N Touch) worked the recent House of Harmony's Grand Opening as cocktail waiters. Tom and Mike, aided by many, many people...to name a few: Empress Doris, Deno, Robin, Rome, Roberto & Randy made \$80.00 in tokens which they have turned over to the Senior Citizens Fund. Altogether now, a great big, fat kiss and thank you to Vinnie & the CMC, SIR and the gang who worked the House of Harmony. It makes one feel awfully proud!

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DON'T FORGET:

The Gay Freedom Day Parade on Sunday, June 29th. This year's will be bigger and better than ever. Watch for the SFTG float and the Operation Concern "Circus-Circus" clowns. In particular, watch out for my buddy, Mavis of the 'N Touch. Boyohboy! After the parade, a must will be the carnival for gay charities at the California Hall. Developed and sponsored by that indefeatable Ray Broshears. This worthy event will feature game booths, films, food, booze, dancing, etc., etc. This is as important to support as the parade.

Bye now, Cheers, Sal.

This-a And That-a

By Lou Greene

Would you believe, I had my column all typed and in an envelope ready to submit when a customer inadvertently walked out with the envelope and try as I might, I couldn't find him and therefore am compelled to rewrite the whole thing from scratch. Unfortunately most of my scribbled notes were placed in file Z, so will probably miss some important items....Down San Jose way, the 7th Annual Coronation Ball was

quite an event. The Grand Ballroom of the LeBaron Hotel was overfilled. There was representation from all over the State and Nevada. The festivities started with the entrance of the out-going Reina VI Buni Lake and her Royal Court. Visiting Royalty who came to do homage where the Royale Courts of Czarinas Nickie Nation and Gabrielle from the Peninsula; the Grand Regina de Monterey Millie and Rex of Monterey with the Royal Cypress Courts of Monterey; the ever delightful and friendly Empress of Sacramento, Carrie Christian and Court; Empress Doris and Court from San Francisco; San Jose's favorite and much loved Empress IX of S.F. Frieda; the Royale Courts of Stockton, Modesto, Long Beach, Orange County, Reno and finally the usual exciting presentation of the Royal Polinesians Court of Chiefess Leilani. Altho a great show was planned with Billy DeFrank, Goldie Montana and Tanya Phinshk, the sound system was overloaded and the show couldn't go on. Goldie did her best to keep things going and at midnight the votes were counted and Deserae became the Grand Reina VII de San Jose in an impressive coronation ritual. Congratulations to the new Reina and may he have a successful reign. The management of the LeBaron Hotel really screwed themselves out of much receipts. They promised 5 cocktail waitresses to handle the large turnout and provided only 1. They promised three bars and again only set up 1. The audience was quite vexed by this, but made up for it by going to Mac's Bar and the Paragon. There was quite a bit of merriment at both of these bars and the show was finalized at the Paragon... If you have an offbeat hat, bring it down to Mac's Bar and Toni will wear it while serving you and also display the hat on the wall along with the many contributions already made...The Paragon will be celebrating the birthday of Grand Regina Rachael with a grand show, buffet and merriment on June 28th at 8 PM. Don't miss this festive occasion. On June 29th, there will be a Wedding Ceremony at 3pm for John and Joe with a grand reception following...The Red Boar in Cupertino is doing a great job on their Acme Beer Nite on Wednesdays with bottle beer only two bits. Earl is really doing a great job to

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make a home for the kids down there...The 641 Club at 641 Stockton St. in San Jose is catching on as an all Western and Leather Bar. For fun and games and a great bunch of guys, don't pass this one up...The Mecca is so packed they aren't bothering about any special events at this time. The dancing and the crowds speaks for themselves... The Tinkers Damn in Santa Clara is so crowded I have a helluva time bringing the B.A.R.'s in and have to fight my way thru the bodies...Across the lower Bay, the Fox in Hayward has become quite the gathering place for dancing. You'll be quite pleased with the action here at the Fox. They also have an after hours social on Friday and Saturdays after 2am...Up to Oakland, Grandma's is doing a great job on their 2 for 1 dinners Thursday nites. You and your buddy can dine for \$3.95 to \$4.95 for

the two of you. And on Tuesday nite they have a delightful Hard-times dinner for only a buck. How can you miss...Hans' in Oakland has opened their Corral Room. Decorated as an old Western Saloon and designed to add to your croosin' and boozin' pleasures.... The Lancers is jumping with a new and handsome D.J. And back from Hawaii looking like a Sun Tan Lotian Ad is none other than Ron. He really had a ball on the Islands and would have liked to spend more time there...The Revol (Lover, spelled backwards) only a block from BART has done a great job in maintaining a clean and attractive bar. Pete and Ralph have added Jayne to their staff as bartender. Drop in and meet her, she's a most friendly gal. Due to the summer, they have discontinued their Sunday chile feeds. Watch for their anniversary celebration and full liquor bar in the near future...If you live in the East Bay, the Pacific Center at 2329 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, supplies apartment listings, rides, where to go, what to do, Doctor and Lawyer referrals, crises interventions, etc. Be sure to make use of these services by calling 841-6224. This is supported by the East Bay M.C.C. who can always use more volunteer help. Fruit Punch, is

a Gay Men's Radio Program, every Wednesday night on KPFA - FM 94, at 10 PM. Tune in and listen to a variety of topics. On June 25, they will present "Christopher Street Revisited" A 'Purple Pansey Production' recreating in fictional form the Stonewall Rebellion of 1969...The Atticus in Sacramento is having its Grand Opening on July 12th. John John has gone all out to make this one of the big events of the year. They will be featuring a show with J.J. Van Dyke, Buffet, Door Prizes and every 1/2 hr., an unusual souvenir button for all who attend. The address, 5121 El Camino Ave., just a few blocks outside the Sac. city limits in Carmichael. Phone (916) 483-6532 for more information. Hope to see you all there, and don't forget it all starts at 9 pm...Although I had all sorts of news items about the Russian River spas and Santa Rosa, I'll have to gather this again and write about the north in my next column...If I left you out this time, please drop me a line and clue me in as to what's happening at your bar or in your area. Until my next writing, my best to you always in all ways,

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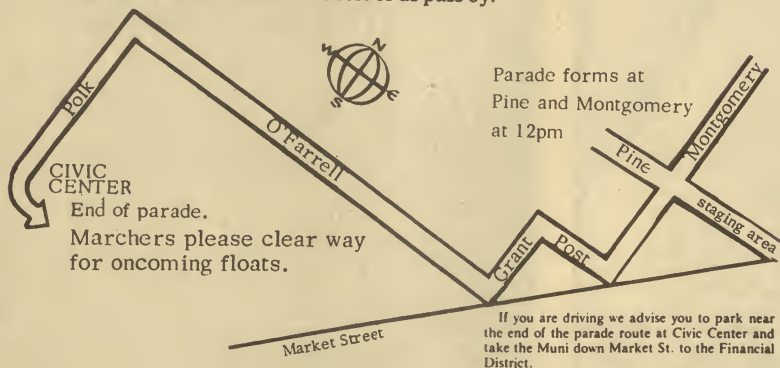
GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE

San Francisco's fourth annual Gay Freedom Day Parade will march from the financial district to the Civic Center on Sunday, June 29 (See Map). The 1974 parade was selected as the city's best by the S. F. Bay Guardian.

Many organizations and businesses are sponsoring floats and marching units, but you need not be affiliated with any group in order to march. The committee urges all Gay men and women from throughout Northern California to join in the march. A large marching contingent will lead the parade. Marchers will assemble at noon on Pine between Montgomery and Sansome. Bring signs and banners if you like.

The parade will begin at 12:30 promptly. Organized units should arrive earlier at the assembly time and place assigned to them by the parade committee. Monitors wearing lavender armbands will answer questions and facilitate parade formation.

If you watch from the curb, get into the parade by following the "JOIN US" banner at the end of the line of march. This is a parade for all of us. When you arrive at City Hall, move to either side of Polk St. to watch the rest of us pass by.



souls even if it kills us. And it boiled down now to finding a way to ensure that that apparent winning vote stayed on our side and did not waiver in the face of undoubtedly vigorous opposition.

As I sat there with all that whirling through my mind, with that utter revulsion at religious doctrine once again superceding governmental interest, I could not help worrying. We'd never gotten so close before and that final vote was not yet cast, nor would it be safe until it was. There was still the possibility that opposition could be effectively marshalled and brought to bear on the Lt. Governor to cause him to change his mind, as had been done before to snatch apparent victory into the jaws of defeat, to sway that last vote from an apparent 'aye' to a definite and final 'nay.'

I think that thanks to Senator Milton Mark's office I had advance knowledge of the Bill's turn of fate; I was among the first to know what happened. The only others who could have known at that point would be those who also had some kind of contact in the Senate. It fell to me, then, to do SOMETHING to try to assure that that 'yes' vote was actually cast by the Lt. Governor; to try to sever the tentacles of religion that had not loosened their grip even though I had walked away from it some 17 years before; to try to strike a very personal blow against a tyranny that it is not enough to walk away from, for it will not leave one alone, even here, in this country, where such freedom is supposedly granted to all.

The first move was to call the Lt. Governor's office and place myself on the list of those, if any, urging a 'yes' vote. Then, what would become a four hour marathon as I began calling any and every one I could reach. For the first two hours, the message would be the same, over and over again until I began to sound like a tape recording even to myself: the Senate is tied 20-20; Lt. Governor Dymally is on his way to vote; call his office to urge him to vote 'yes'; then call ANY and EVERY one you can reach and get them to do the same. For two hours, over and over again, that same message delivered to anyone that could be reached.

That began the most amazing afternoon in the annals of gay history. Gays traditionally keep a low profile, a low profile that allows the myths and horror stories to mount up and spread because there is no one to contradict those stories. So frightened of societal

sanctions against us, there are -- even today -- few gays willing to expose themselves; so frightened that they refuse to be associated with anything that even remotely smacks of 'gay.' Opponents of AB489 had played on that fear in a smear campaign that labeled AB489 the 'queer' bill, attempting to destroy proponents through the fear that if they approved of The Bill, they would become suspect. In some cases, it worked, for there were indeed those who hesitated to affix their approval in wary circumspection that approval would somehow label them. There were friends, so frightened of

exposure that they insisted on knowing the exact wording of The Bill to assure themselves that it did not mention 'homo-sex-uality' (it does not) before they would approve. There were those, so paranoid of the police-state that they would not send a letter, or make a phone call, or sign a petition in FEAR, absolute, terrifying FEAR that somehow, somewhere, someone would get hold of it and trace it back to them with dire consequences to follow. Opponents of AB489 had counted on that to help defeat The Bill.

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hadn't worked this time. This time there were too many Assemblymen and Senators, a Lt. Governor and a Governor who were not afraid that their masculinity or heterosexuality would be called into account if they opted for the Constitution and Bill of Rights rather than a continuation of the religious police state. This time, there were too many gays who took the plunge, who took the risk that their support just *might* be traced back to them, who took the chance to strike a blow for their own freedom.

By 3:30 that Thursday afternoon, like a brush fire gathering momentum, I began to reach people who had already been called by others. About one out of every three had already heard and was passing the word along. By 4:40 almost everyone I reached had heard from someone else. Word had spread and for the first time in at least the 13 years that I have been around, gays were listening hearing and, most amazingly of all, responding. And there was where the impact of AB489 was felt.

As a practical matter, AB489 will little affect the sex life of the State of California, and in fact its effect after passage will be more on the order of post-coital letdown than climax, for it was in the fight to get AB489 into law that it had the most impact on our lives. It was on a Thursday afternoon, May 1, 1975, that AB489 did the most for gays, in providing a banner to which gays could rally, to which gays did rally, in the most enthusiastic, unanimous, spontaneous show of unity that has ever been seen among gays.

By the time Lt. Governor Dymally cast his historic tie-breaking vote at about 8:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 1975, WE had CANCELLED OUT the compassionate Christians' 3 - 1 opposition. By the time Lt. Governor Dymally sent AB489 squeaking through the Senate by ONE vote, we had knocked down an initial 3 - 1 opposition

lead to a dead heat. A tie. ONE TO ONE. ODDS ON. EVEN MONEY. WE had finally shown that we are here and that we care and that we CAN do something about it. There was, in the end, only a difference of four votes between those demanding a 'no' vote and those urging a 'yes' vote. WE, GAYS, had spearheaded a campaign to cut off the opposition and we had succeeded. "We (had) met the enemy," and if "they" were in the fact not "ours", we at least were no longer to be theirs.

But that was not to be the end of it. Within 24 hours after the Lt. Governor had cast his vote, the San Francisco Chronicle reported that the Governor had been swamped by a 185 - 1 opposition to his signing AB489. Within 36 hours, once again, gays had already started moving to counter that opposition with letters, telegrams, phone calls, and petitions to the Governor urging him to sign AB489 and make it law. What the San Francisco Chronicle did not report is that WITHIN FIVE DAYS we had cut that opposition from 185 - 1 down to 4 1/2 - 1 -- a drop of 181% - 1.

AB489 became law in spite of the pulpit-pounders and smear campaign; in spite of the compassionate Christians and closet cases; in spite of the complacently uninvolved. AB489 became law that as a practical matter will little affect the sex life of California; a law that does not become effective for eight more months; law whose impact will hardly be noticed in January, 1976 -- the start of the American bicentennial celebration of the strike for freedom; law whose impact was felt by gays in the first 12 days of May than it ever will again.

There can be perhaps no more fitting was to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the ride of Paul Revere on an 18th Century horse than the real-life re-enactment of that historic

event via 20th Century telephone. Senator Marks' office provided the Old North Church signal; Alexander Graham Bell provided the 'horse' and all up and down the state the call went out as Paul Revere once again rode for freedom, rallying all who could be found and roused.

Thursday, May 1, 1975 - 200 years after that famous ride for freedom the call had once more again gone out and the response could not have been more gratifying in 1775 than it was in 1975 as gays all over the largest State in the Union began to get it together, to ratify our own "Declaration of Independence" from tyranny and fear.

The religious opposition to sexual freedom is already mounting a campaign to get AB489 repealed on the ballot for a general vote. H.L. Richardson, one of the leading opponents of freedom for anyone except H.L. Richardson, is on record as stating that he does not believe that Californians "like homosexuals." That may very well be true, however, if Mr. Richardson's personal likes and dislikes are to be the criteria for governing this State, we might just as well throw out the Constitution and operate on his suggested Hitleresque method, for there are undoubtedly Californians who do not "like" Blacks, Chicanos, Chinese and others within the State. Indeed, it is quite clear that Californians do not think too much of Mr. Richardson himself, since they decisively declined to send him to the U.S. Senate as a representative of this State.

Opposition is mounting a campaign to get the repeal of AB489 on the ballot and up to a general vote. But we've learned that we can meet that opposition and we will have a better chance for a decisive victory in the privacy and confidentiality of the secret ballot, where those who were afraid to speak out in the public forum of the Senate, can exercise their strength without that fear of reprisal. We will have a better chance in the privacy and confidentiality of the secret ballot than we had in the forum of open politics, for like The Colonists against the British, we have learned guerrilla warfare and that is a decided advantage.

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